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(57) A modulation method and a demodulation method for a run length limited (RLL) code having an improved direct current (DC) suppression capability are provided. In this modulation method, received data is modulated using a DC suppression control code group which is separate from a data modulation conversion code group. The DC suppression control code group makes the most of the characteristics of codewords in conversion code groups, such as, the sign of parameter CSV representing the DC value within a codeword and the characteristics of parameter INV predicting the DSV transition direction of the next codeword, and yet relaxes the redundant codeword generation condition or the condition of usable codewords compared to the data modulation conversion code group. Therefore, the number of codewords increases, so that the probability of DC suppression control further increases.

FIG. 3A

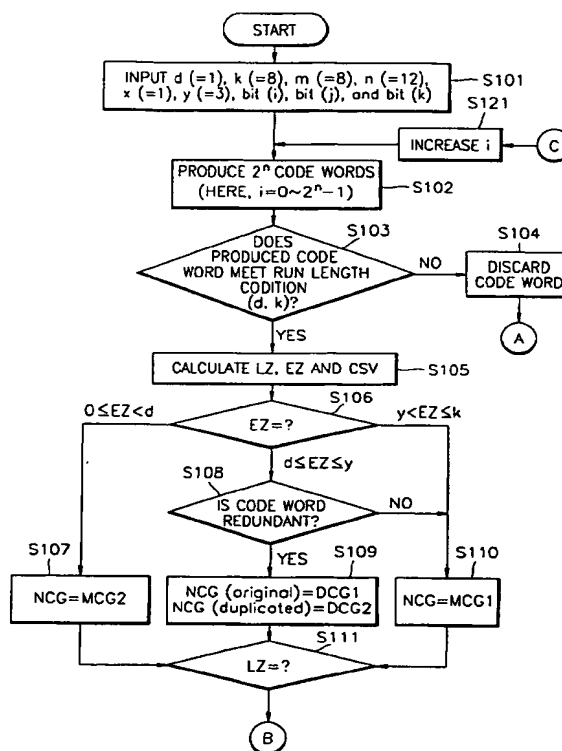
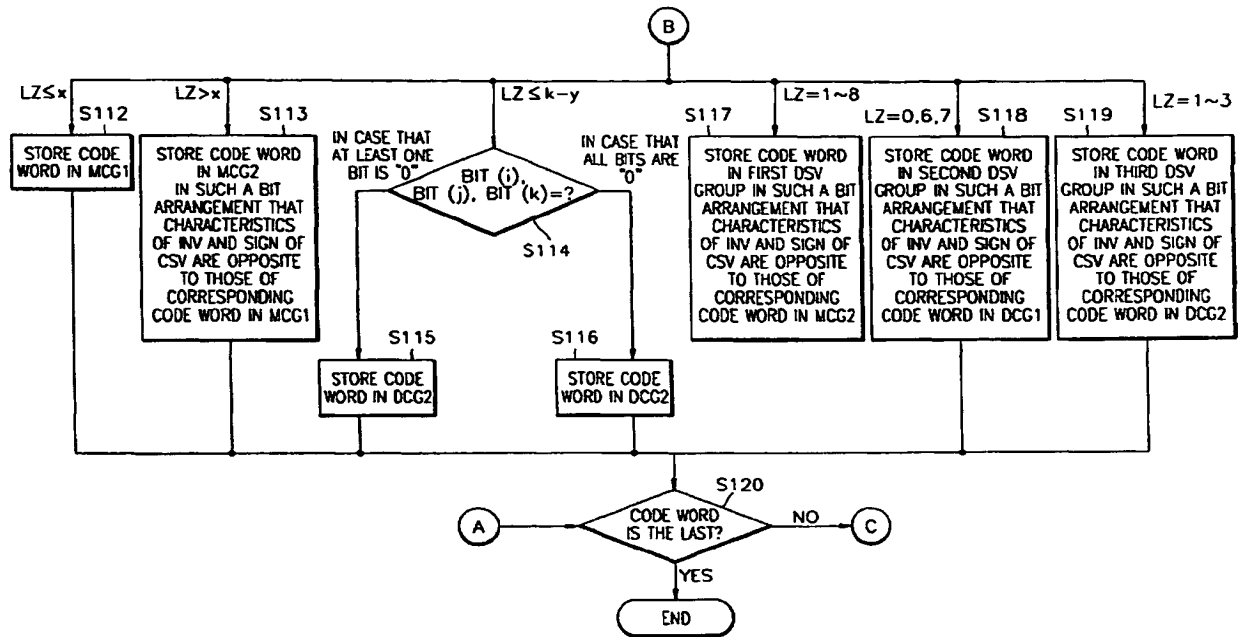


FIG. 3B



Description

[0001] The present invention relates to conversion of an m-bit information word into a modulation signal and restoration of the modulation signal, and more particularly, to a modulation and demodulation method by which the direct current (DC) component of a codeword stream is effectively suppressed in a run length limited (RLL) code to be used in an optical recording/reproduction apparatus which requires high-density recording/reproduction.

[0002] The quality of an RLL code, which is expressed as (d,k,m,n), is estimated from the recording density and the amount of suppression of its DC component, which are factors for expressing the performance of the code. Here, m denotes the number of data bits (which can also be referred to as the number of source bits or the number of information word bits), n denotes the number of bits of a modulated codeword (which can be referred to as the number of bits of a channel), d denotes the minimum number of 0s capable of consecutively existing between 1 and 1 within a codeword, and k denotes the maximum number of 0s capable of consecutively existing between 1 and 1 within a codeword. The interval between bits within a codeword is designated by T.

[0003] In a modulation method, the recording density can be enhanced by reducing the number (n) of bits of a codeword while fixing d and m. However, an RLL code must satisfy the minimum number (d) and maximum number (k) of 0s capable of consecutively existing between 1 and 1 within a codeword. When the number of data bits is m while satisfying this (d,k) condition, it is preferable that the number of codewords which satisfy an RLL(d,k) condition is 2^m or greater. However, a portion where two codewords are connected must also satisfy the RLL(d,k) condition in order to actually use the RLL code. When the DC component of a code affects the performance of a system, as in optical disc recording/reproduction apparatuses, a code intended to be used must have a DC suppression capability.

[0004] The most important reason why a RLL-modulated code stream must suppress DC is to minimize the influence that a reproduction signal has on a servo bandwidth. Hereinafter, a DC suppressing method is referred to as a digital sum value (DSV) adjustment method.

[0005] Two DSV adjustment methods which are commonly used are a method by which a code itself has a DSV control code and a method of inserting a merge bit whenever a DSV is adjusted. An eight to fourteen modulation plus (EFM+) code performs DSV control using a separate code table, and an EFM code or (1,7) code performs DSV control by inserting a merge bit.

[0006] A conventional modulation code group, in which a code has a DSV control code capable of DC suppression control while satisfying the above-described condition, includes a predetermined number of main conversion code groups and DC suppression control code groups for performing DC suppression control by pairing with the main conversion code groups. In this case, the codewords within the main conversion code groups are distinguished from each other by several characteristics, that is, the facts that main conversion code groups A and B do not share any codewords which are the same, and that if a redundant code is used, there are code groups such as conversion code groups C and D for demodulating the redundant code. Here, the conversion code groups C and D for demodulating a redundant code do not share any codewords which are the same, but the codewords within the main conversion code group A or B can exist in the conversion code group C or D for demodulating a redundant code. The number of codewords in each of the main conversion code groups A and B and the redundant code demodulation conversion code groups C and D is 2^m if the number of bits of a non-converted source word is m.

[0007] If code groups E through H are DC suppression control code groups capable of controlling DC together with code groups A through D, the codewords within the code groups E through H have the same condition as that of the codewords within the code groups A through D which respectively form pairs with the code groups E through H. That is, in terms of a redundant codeword generation condition or a condition for the number of lead zeros, LZ, of a codeword, the same codeword generation method is applied to the DC suppression control code groups E through H and the code groups A through D that can control DC with the aid of the code groups E through H.

[0008] For example, Figure 2 shows the characteristics of an EFM+ code having a run length condition of RLL(2,10) and a codeword length (n) of 16 bits, which is used in current DVDs. There are main conversion code groups MCG1 and MCG2 (groups A and B in Figure 1, respectively), redundant code demodulation conversion code groups DCG1 and DCG2 (groups C and D, respectively, in Figure 1), and four DSV code groups (groups E through H in Figure 1) capable of controlling DC suppression by forming pairs with the conversion code groups. The four conversion code groups and the four DSV code groups for DC control have no identical codewords.

[0009] Also, all of the code groups have the same condition for generating a redundant codeword, and the codewords in code group pairs capable of DC control (that is, a pair of MCG1 and a first DSV code group, a pair of MCG2 and a second DSV code group, a pair of DCG1 and a third DSV code group, and a pair of DCG2 and a fourth DSV code group) have the same characteristics.

[0010] That is, codewords in each of which the number of 0s continuing from the least significant bit (LSB) of a codeword (which is referred to as the number of end zeros) is 2 to 5 are duplicated. This rule is equally applied to all of the code groups. In each of the codewords within the first DSV code group for controlling DC suppression with the aid of the main conversion code group MCG1, the number of 0s continuing from the most significant bit (MSB) (which

is referred to as the number of lead zeros) is 2 to 9. In each of the codewords within the second DSV code group for controlling DC suppression with the aid of the main conversion code group MCG2, the number of lead zeros is 0 to 1. In the codewords within the third DSV code group for controlling DC suppression with the aid of the redundant code demodulation conversion code group DCG1, some bits (here, b15 (MSB) and b3) are "0b". In the codewords within the fourth DSV code group for controlling DC suppression with the aid of the redundant code demodulation conversion code group DCG2, some bits (here, b15 (MSB) or b3) are "1b".

[0011] In a conventional modulation method using the modulation code group shown in Figures 1 and 2, when the number of codewords to be used to control DC suppression is insufficient, DC suppression control cannot be sufficiently accomplished due to a small number of codewords included within the code groups for controlling DC suppression.

[0012] With a view to solve or reduce the above problem, an aim of embodiments of the present invention is to provide a run length limited (RLL) code modulating method which is suitable for high-density disc systems, by which the direct current (DC) component of a codeword stream is effectively suppressed.

[0013] Another aim is to provide a modulation method by which the DC component of a codeword stream is effectively suppressed using DC suppression control code groups having codewords having the same properties as the codewords in data modulation code groups which make the most of the sign of parameter CSV representing the DC value of a codeword and of the characteristics of parameter INV predicting the DSV transit direction of the next codeword.

[0014] Still another aim is to provide a modulation method by which the probability of controlling DC suppression is increased by relaxing the redundant codeword generation condition and the condition of usable codewords with respect to the codewords in a DC suppression control code group which makes a pair with a data modulation code group.

[0015] Yet another aim is to provide a method of demodulating an RLL code, by which the DC component of a codeword stream is effectively suppressed.

[0016] According to a first aspect, the present invention provides a method of modulating input data into a run length limited (RLL) code which is expressed as (d, k, m, n) , where d denotes a minimum run length, k denotes the maximum run length, m denotes the bit length of data, and n denotes the bit length of a codeword. In this method, m -bit input data is modulated into a codeword, which is favorable for DC suppression, from a predetermined number of first code groups for data modulation and a predetermined number of second code groups for DC suppression control, the first and second code groups having redundant codewords and being produced so that the codewords within the first code group have a first parameter CSV (codeword sum value) which represents the direct current (DC) value of a codeword, the sign of which is opposite to that of corresponding codewords within the second code group, and a second parameter INV which predicts the digital sum value (DSV) transition direction of the next codeword, the characteristic of which is opposite to that of corresponding codewords within the second code group, wherein the first and second code groups have different redundant codeword generation conditions.

[0017] Preferably, the number of codewords in the second code group is increased by relaxing the redundant codeword generation condition for the second code group compared to the first code group, so that the probability of suppressing the DC component of a code stream during modulation is improved.

[0018] Preferably, codewords having an end zero number of 1 to 3 within the first code group have duplicates, and codewords having an end zero number of 0 to 7 within the second code group have duplicates.

[0019] Preferably, the first code group is made up of main code groups MCG1 and MCG2 and redundant code demodulation conversion code groups DCG1 and DCG2, and the second code group is made up of first, second and third DSV code groups.

[0020] Preferably, MCG1 includes codewords each having lead zeros, the number of which, LZ, is smaller than or equal to a MCG classification parameter x , the MCG2 includes codewords each of which LZ is greater than or equal to the MCG classification parameter x , MCG1 and MCG2 have no identical codewords, DCG1 and DCG2 include codewords each of which LZ is equal to or smaller than the difference between the maximum run length k and the codeword duplication parameter y , the codewords are disposed in DCG1 or DCG2 depending on the values of specific bits of the codewords, the first DSV code group is made up of codewords having a first parameter whose sign is opposite to that of corresponding codewords in MCG2 and a second parameter whose characteristic is opposite to that of corresponding codewords in MCG2, the second DSV code group is made up of codewords having a first parameter whose sign is opposite to that of corresponding codewords in DCG1 and a second parameter whose characteristic is opposite to that of corresponding codewords in DCG1, and the third DSV code group is made up of codewords having a first parameter whose sign is opposite to that of corresponding codewords in DCG2 and a second parameter whose characteristic is opposite to that of corresponding codewords in DCG2.

[0021] Preferably, d is 1, k is 8, m is 8, n is 12, parameter x for classifying MCG1 and MCG2 is 1, and code duplication parameter y is 3.

[0022] Preferably, the DC suppression control is achieved by selecting a codeword which is favorable for DC suppression from a code group pair capable of DC control, that is, main code groups MCG1 and MCG2, MCG2 and the first DSV code group for DC suppression control, the redundant code demodulation conversion code group DCG1 and the second DSV code group for DC suppression control, or the redundant code demodulation conversion code group

DCG2 and the third DSV code group for DC suppression control.

[0023] Preferably, each codeword in each of the code groups has a third parameter (NCG) designating a code group having a codeword coming next to the above codeword, and the third parameter set for the first code group is different from that set for the second code group.

[0024] Preferably, the DC suppression control code group capable of controlling DC suppression together with the redundant code demodulation conversion code group is made up of codewords which violate the LZ condition among all of the codewords in the redundant code demodulation conversion code group.

[0025] Preferably, the lead zero number of all of the codewords within the redundant code demodulation conversion code group is less than or equal to 5, and the lead zero number of each of the codewords within the DC suppression control code group capable of controlling DC suppression together with the redundant code demodulation conversion code group is less than or equal to the maximum run length k .

[0026] According to a second aspect of the invention, there is provided a method of modulating input data into a run length limited (RLL) code which is expressed as (d, k, m, n) , where d denotes a minimum run length, k denotes the maximum run length, m denotes the bit length of data, and n denotes the bit length of a codeword, the method comprising: (a) receiving m -bit input data; (b) searching for a codeword for the received data in a data modulation code group designated as a code group having a codeword to come next to a previously modulated codeword, and determining whether the run length condition between the found codeword and the previous codeword/next codeword is violated; and (c) modulating the received data into the found codeword and determining a code group having a codeword to come next to the modulated codeword, if the run length condition is violated, and otherwise, modulating the received data into a codeword searched in a code group, which is favorable for DC suppression, among a data modulation code group designated as a code group having a codeword to come next to the previous codeword and a corresponding DC suppression control code group, and determining a code group having a codeword to come next to the modulated codeword.

[0027] Preferably, codewords having an end zero number of 1 to 3 within the data modulation code group have duplicates, and codewords having an end zero number of 0 to 7 within the DC suppression control code group have duplicates.

[0028] Preferably, a third parameter NCG (next code group) designating a code group having a codeword coming next to a codeword is set on each of the codewords within each of the code groups, and the third parameter for the data modulation code group is different from that for the DC suppression control code group.

[0029] Preferably, the minimum run length is 1, and the maximum run length is 8.

[0030] Preferably, the data modulation code group is made up of main code groups MCG1 and MCG2 and redundant code demodulation conversion code groups DCG1 and DCG2, and the DC suppression control code group is made up of first, second and third DSV code groups.

[0031] Preferably, the MCG1 includes codewords each of which LZ is smaller than or equal to a MCG classification parameter x , the MCG2 includes codewords each of which LZ is greater than or equal to the MCG classification parameter x , the codewords within the MCG1 have a first parameter CSV (codeword sum value) which represents the direct current (DC) value of a codeword, the sign of which is opposite to that of corresponding codewords within the MCG2, and a second parameter INV which predicts the digital sum value (DSV) transition direction of the next codeword, the characteristic of which is opposite to that of corresponding codewords within MCG2, so that MCG1 and MCG2 have no identical codewords, DCG1 and DCG2 include codewords each of which LZ is equal to or smaller than the difference between the maximum run length k and the codeword duplication parameter y while the sign of the first parameter and the characteristic of the second parameter for the DCG1 are opposite to those for the DCG2, the codewords are disposed in DCG1 or DCG2 depending on the values of specific bits of the codewords, the first DSV code group is made up of codewords having a first parameter whose sign is opposite to that of corresponding codewords in MCG2 and a second parameter whose characteristic is opposite to that of corresponding codewords in MCG2, the second DSV code group is made up of codewords having a first parameter whose sign is opposite to that of corresponding codewords in DCG1 and a second parameter whose characteristic is opposite to that of corresponding codewords in DCG1, and the third DSV code group is made up of codewords having a first parameter whose sign is opposite to that of corresponding codewords in DCG2 and a second parameter whose characteristic is opposite to that of corresponding codewords in DCG2.

[0032] Preferably, in step (c), if the run length condition is satisfied, the received data is modulated into a codeword selected from a code group, which is favorable for DC suppression, among a code group pair capable of DC control, that is, main code groups MCG1 and MCG2, the main code group MCG2 and the first DSV code group for DC suppression control, the redundant code demodulation conversion code group DCG1 and the second DSV code group for DC suppression control, or the redundant code demodulation conversion code group DCG2 and the third DSV code group for DC suppression control.

[0033] Preferably, the DC suppression control code group capable of controlling DC suppression together with the redundant code demodulation conversion code group is made up of codewords which violate the LZ condition among

all of the codewords in the redundant code demodulation conversion code group.

[0034] Preferably, the number of lead zeros of all of the codewords within the redundant code demodulation conversion code group is less than or equal to 5, and the number of lead zeros of each of the codewords within the DC suppression control code group capable of controlling DC suppression together with the redundant code demodulation conversion code group is less than or equal to the maximum run length k .

[0035] Preferably, in step (c), if it is determined in step (b) that the run length condition between a codeword to be currently modulated and the previous codeword/next codeword is satisfied and also that the previous codeword has been modulated in one among the conversion code groups MCG1, MCG2, DCG1 and DCG2, a code group designated by the current modulated codeword as a code group having a codeword to come next to the current codeword is determined depending on the number of end zeros, EZ, of the previous codeword modulated in one among the conversion code groups, wherein, if EZ is smaller than the minimum run length d , the main code group MCG1 is determined, if EZ is equal to or greater than d and smaller than or equal to a codeword duplication parameter y , the redundant code demodulation conversion code group DCG1 or DCG2 is determined depending on the values of specific bits of the current codeword, and if EZ is greater than y , the MCG1 is determined.

[0036] Preferably, although the previous codeword has been modulated in the main code group MCG1, when the previous codeword is 1000xxxxxx10 or 1001xxxxxx10, the main code group MCG1 is determined as a code group designated by the current codeword, from which a codeword to come next to the current codeword is to be selected.

[0037] Preferably, in step (c), if it is determined in step (b) that the run length condition between a codeword to be currently modulated and the previous codeword/next codeword is satisfied and also the previous codeword has been modulated in one among the DSV code groups, a code group designated by the current modulated codeword as a code group having a codeword to come next to the current codeword is determined depending on the EZ of the previous codeword modulated in one among the DSV code groups, wherein, if EZ is equal to or greater than 0 and smaller than the maximum run length k , the redundant code demodulation conversion code group DCG1 or DCG2 is determined depending on the values of specific bits of the current modulated codeword, and if EZ is the maximum run length k , the main code group MCG1 is determined.

[0038] According to a third aspect of the invention, there is provided a method of demodulating a codeword stream received by an optical recording/reproduction apparatus using a run length limited (RLL) code in which input data has been modulated into a codeword in a code group, which is favorable for DC suppression, from a predetermined number of first code groups for data modulation and a predetermined number of second code groups for DC suppression control, the first and second code groups having duplicate codewords and being produced so that the codewords within the first code group have a first parameter CSV (codeword sum value) which represents the direct current (DC) value of a codeword, the sign of which is opposite to that of corresponding codewords within the second code group, and a second parameter INV which predicts the digital sum value (DSV) transition direction of the next codeword, the characteristic of which is opposite to that of corresponding codewords within the second code group, and the first and second code groups have different duplicate codeword generation conditions, the method comprising: (a) receiving a codeword stream, and updating a third parameter NCG (next code group) designating a code group having a current codeword to be currently demodulated, depending on the characteristics of the previous codeword; (b) determining whether there are two identical current codewords in a code group designated by the third updated parameter NCG; and (c) demodulating the current codeword into the original data for a codeword in a code group designated by the third updated parameter NCG, if the current codeword does not have a duplicate, and demodulating the current codeword into the original data for one of the two identical codewords selected depending on the LZ of the next codeword, if the current codeword has a duplicate.

[0039] Preferably, the codeword stream is made up of codewords selected from a code group, which is favorable for DC suppression, of a code group pair capable of DC control, that is, main code groups MCG1 and MCG2, the main code group MCG2 and the first DSV code group for DC suppression control, the redundant code demodulation conversion code group DCG1 and the second DSV code group for DC suppression control, or the redundant code demodulation conversion code group DCG2 and the third DSV code group for DC suppression control.

[0040] Preferably, the step (a) comprises: (a1) determining whether the previous codeword is included in the data modulation code group; (a2) checking the EZ of the previous codeword if it is determined in step (a1) that the previous codeword is included in the data modulation code group; (a3) updating the third parameter NCG to a first value that represents the main code group MCG2 or the first DSV code group, if the EZ of the previous codeword is smaller than the minimum run length d ; (a4) determining whether a code group designated by the third parameter NCG of the previous codeword has two identical previous codewords, if the EZ of the previous codeword is equal to or greater than the minimum run length d and smaller than or equal to the codeword duplication parameter y ; (a5) updating the third parameter NCG to a second value that represents the DCG1 or the second DSV code group or a third value that represents the DCG2 or the third DSV code group, depending on the values of specific bits of a current codeword, if it is determined in step (a4) that there are two identical previous codewords; (a6) updating the third parameter NCG to a fourth value that represents the MCG1 or MCG2, if the EZ of the previous codeword is greater than the codeword

duplication parameter y or if it is determined in step (a4) that the previous codeword does not have a duplicate; and (a7) determining whether the EZ of the previous codeword is k , if it is determined in step (a1) that the previous codeword is not included in the data modulation code group, and, if EZ is k , returning to the step (a6), and otherwise, returning to the step (a4).

[0041] Preferably, in the step (a5), when d is 1, k is 8, m is 8, n is 12, parameter x for classifying MCG1 and MCG2 is 1, codeword duplication parameter y is 3, and the specific bits are the 4 upper bits of the current codeword, if the MSB of the current codeword is "1" or the 4 upper bits thereof are all "0", the third parameter NCG is updated to the second value, and, otherwise, the third parameter (NCG) is updated to the third value.

[0042] For a better understanding of the invention, and to show how embodiments of the same may be carried into effect, reference will now be made, by way of example, to the accompanying diagrammatic drawings in which:

Figure 1 shows an example of the configuration of a conventional modulation code group;

Figure 2 is a table illustrating the properties of a conventional code group and the codewords included in the code group;

Figures 3A and 3B are flowcharts illustrating a method of producing a run length limited (RLL) code group, which is applied to the present invention;

Figures 4A through 4E are tables tabulating main conversion code groups MCG1 and MCG2 and redundant code demodulation conversion code groups DCG1 and DCG2 which are produced by the method shown in Figures 3A and 3B;

Figure 5 is a table showing a first digital sum value (DSV) code group for controlling direct current (DC) suppression by forming a pair with a main conversion code group MCG2;

Figure 6 is a table showing a second DSV code group for controlling DC suppression by forming a pair with a redundant code demodulation conversion code group DCG1;

Figure 7 is a table showing a third DSV code group for controlling DC suppression by forming a pair with a redundant code demodulation conversion code group DCG2;

Figure 8 is a table showing the properties of code groups used in the present invention and the codewords included in the code groups produced by the method shown in Figures 3A and 3B;

Figure 9 is a graph showing the effect of DC suppression improvement when the codewords in code groups proposed by the present invention are used;

Figures 10A and 10B are flowcharts illustrating a modulation method according to an embodiment of the present invention;

Figure 11 is a table showing a definition of $ncgdet(mc[n-1])$ shown in Figure 10B;

Figure 12 is a table showing a definition of $ncgdet^*(mc[n-1])$ shown in Figure 10B;

Figure 13 is a table showing a definition of $ncgdet^{**}(mc[n-1])$ shown in Figure 10B; and

Figures 14A and 14B are flowcharts illustrating a demodulation method according to an embodiment of the present invention.

[0043] A method of producing run length limited (RLL) code groups, which is applied to the present invention, is shown in Figures 3A and 3B. First, a desired minimum run length d , a maximum run length k , a data bit length m , a codeword bit length n , a main conversion code group distinction parameter x , a codeword duplication parameter y , and particular bits $bit(i)$, $bit(j)$ and $bit(k)$ are input, in step S101. Here, the desired minimum run length d is 1, the maximum run length k is 8, the data bit length m is 8, the codeword bit length n is 12, the main conversion code group distinction parameter x is 1, and the codeword duplication parameter y is 3.

[0044] 2^n codewords (here, 2^{12}) of 0 to 2^n-1 satisfying the conditions input in step S101 are produced in step S102. It is determined whether the produced codewords meet the run length conditions (d,k) in step S103. In step S104,

codewords which do not meet the run length conditions (d,k) among the produced codewords are discarded, since only the codewords satisfying the run length conditions (d,k) can be used. In step S105, parameters indicating the characteristics of codewords, such as the number of lead zeros, LZ, and the number of end zeros, EZ, within each codeword and a codeword sum value (CSV), are extracted from the codewords that satisfy the run length conditions (d,k).

[0045] In order to help one understand the present invention, parameters required to extract the characteristics of codewords will now be defined.

(previous code)	(current code)
000010001001000	001000001001000
LZ (p) EZ (p)	LZ (c) EZ (c)

[0046] Here, LZ(p) and LZ(c) denote the number of lead zeros of a previous codeword and the number of lead zeros of a current codeword, respectively. EZ(p) and EZ(c) denote the number of end zeros of a previous codeword and the number of end zeros of a current codeword, respectively. DSV denotes a digital sum value in a codeword stream. That is, in a codeword stream, 0 is calculated as "-1" and 1 is calculated as "+1". CSV denotes a digital sum value in a codeword. That is, a codeword is inverted every time "1" appears, and then 0 in the inverted codeword pattern is calculated as "-1" and 1 is calculated as "+1". INV is a parameter indicating the transition of the next codeword. When an even number of 1s are included within a codeword, the value of parameter INV is 0. When an odd number of 1s are included within a codeword, the value of parameter INV is 1. Parameter x is used to classify main conversion code groups and is referred to as a main conversion code group classification parameter. Parameter y is used to duplicate a codeword and is referred to as a codeword duplication parameter. Bit(i), bit(j) and bit(k) denote i-th, j-th and k-th bits within a codeword, respectively. When the accumulated INV for a codeword stream is 0, the DSV is updated by adding the value CSV of the next codeword to the accumulated DSV of a codeword stream preceding the next codeword. When the accumulated INV for a codeword stream is 1, the DSV is updated by inverting the sign of the CSV of the next codeword and adding the sign-inverted CSV of the codeword to the accumulated DSV of a codeword stream preceding the next codeword.

[0047] The following parameters INV, CSV and DSV are given for the following stream.

Codeword:	0 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 1 0 0 1 0 0 0	0 0 1 0 0 1 0 0 1 0 0 1 0 0 0
INV :	1	0
CSV :	+1	-3
Code stream:	0 0 0 0 1 1 1 1 0 0 0 1 1 1 1	1 1 0 0 0 1 1 1 0 0 0 1 1 1 1
DSV:	-1-2-3-4-3-2-1 0-1-2-3-2-1 0+1	+2+3+2+1 0+1+2+3+2+1 0+1+2+3+4

[0048] In step S106, some codes are duplicated to increase the number of usable codes, and the parameter EZ of a codeword is checked in order to determine how to satisfy the run length condition (d,k) of a portion where codewords are connected. The following operations are performed depending on the EZ value.

[0049] In step S107, if $0 \leq EZ < d$, parameter NCG (next code group) designates a second main code group MCG2 so that the next codeword comes from the MCG2.

[0050] In step S108, if $d \leq EZ \leq y$, a determination is made as to whether a codeword is redundant. If it is determined in step S108 that the codeword is redundant and that it is the original codeword of the two identical codewords, the parameter NCG designates a first decision code group (DCG1) so that the next codeword comes from the DCG1, in step S109. In this case, if the redundant codeword is a duplicated codeword, the parameter NCG designates a second decision code group (DCG2) so that the next codeword comes from the DCG2, in step S109.

[0051] If it is determined in step S106 that $y < EZ \leq k$, or if it is determined in step S108 that the codeword is not redundant while $d < EZ \leq y$, the parameter NCG designates a first main code group (MCG1) so that the next codeword comes from the MCG1, in step S110.

[0052] In this way, the NCG of codewords satisfying the condition (d,k) is determined, a code group of a codeword to be attached next to the codeword is determined depending on the NCG, and a portion where the codewords are

connected satisfies the (d,k) conditions. Here, the reason for duplicating the codewords satisfying $d \leq EZ \leq y$ is to suppress the DC component of codewords having EZ of 0 to d-1 by DSV controlling a codeword stream using the DSV code groups.

[0053] Accordingly, the parameter NCG, which designates a code group of a codeword to come next to a codeword in each code group, designates the MCG2 when the number of end zeros, EZ, of the codeword is equal to or smaller than d-1, designates the DCG1 or DCG2 when the EZ of the codeword is equal to or greater than d and equal to or smaller than y and the codeword is redundant; and designates the MCG1 when the EZ of the codeword is greater than y and equal to or smaller than k or when the EZ of a codeword is equal to or greater than d and equal to or smaller than y and the codeword is not redundant. Therefore, the NCG can contribute to improve the DC suppression capability by broadening the width for selection of codes.

[0054] A method of grouping codewords and the characteristics of each of the code groups will now be described. The number of lead zeros, LZ, of a codeword is used to group codewords so the LZ of a codeword is detected, in step S111.

[0055] Referring to Figure 3B, when the LZ of a codeword is equal to or smaller than x, the codeword is stored in the MCG1 in step S112. In step S113, a codeword having LZ greater than x is stored in the MCG2 so that the characteristics of the parameter INV and the sign of the parameter CSV of the codeword are as close as possible to being opposite to those of a corresponding codeword in the MCG1 having the same decoding value as the codeword to be stored in the MCG2. If there are no codewords which completely satisfy the condition that the characteristics of INV and the sign of CSV are opposite to those of corresponding codewords stored in the MCG1, a codeword having a parameter CSV whose sign is opposite to a corresponding codeword in the MCG1 is preferentially selected, and a codeword having parameter INV whose characteristics is opposite to a corresponding codeword in the MCG1 is secondarily selected. The reason why codeword bits are arranged in this way is that, when the NCG of a codeword is the MCG1 or MCG2, if codewords having the same decoding value in the above two code groups simultaneously satisfy the condition (d,k), a codeword with which the DC of a codeword stream is favorably suppressed can be selected from the two codewords because they have a parameter INV of opposite characteristics and a parameter CSV of opposite signs.

[0056] When $LZ \leq k-y$, bit (i), bit (j) and bit (k) are detected, in step S114. If any one bit among the three bits is "1", a corresponding codeword is stored in the DCG1 in step S115. If all of the three bits are identified as "0" in the step S114, a corresponding codeword is stored in the DCG2, in step S116. Codewords are arranged in DCG1 or DCG2 so that the codewords that also exist in MCG1 or MCG2 are as close as possible at the same locations as those in MCG1 or MCG2 in order to minimize error propagation when errors are generated during decoding. To describe steps S114 through S116 in detail, if the most significant bit bit11 is "1" (that is, 10xxb: $LZ=0$) or the upper four bits bit8 through bit11 are all "0" (that is, 0000b: $LZ \geq 4$), a corresponding codeword is stored in the DCG1. Otherwise, that is, if $LZ = 1$ like 010xb, if $LZ = 2$ like 0010b, or if $LZ = 3$ like 0001b, a corresponding codeword is stored in the DCG2.

[0057] The reason why codes having a value LZ that is equal to or smaller than k-y are stored in DCG is that codewords having $d \leq EZ \leq y$ have been duplicated. When a redundant codeword is decoded, the next codeword is referred to in order to properly decode corresponding data. To be more specific, if the next codeword comes from the DCG1, a redundant code to be decoded is demodulated into the decoding data for the original codeword of the two same codewords. If the next codeword comes from the DCG2, a redundant code to be decoded is demodulated into the decoding data for the duplicated codeword of the two same codewords.

[0058] Here, the main conversion code groups MCG1 and MCG2 are defined as code groups having codewords to follow a non-redundant codeword, and the redundant code demodulation conversion code groups DCG1 and DCG2 are defined as code groups having codewords to follow a redundant codeword. These conversion code groups can be referred to as data modulation code groups, and first through third DSV code groups can be referred to as DC suppression control code groups. Accordingly, even if these code groups are differently indicated according to the purposes of use, it can be considered that the meaning does not change if not departing from the above-described meaning.

[0059] In order that codes having $d \leq EZ \leq y$ are connected to the codewords within the DCG1 and DCG2 while satisfying (d,k) conditions, the sum of the number of end zeros of a previous codeword, EZ(p), and the number of lead zeros of a current codeword, LZ(c), must satisfy $d \leq EZ(p) + LZ(c) \leq k$, where the LZ(c) of the DCG1 or DCG2 must satisfy $LZ \leq k-y$.

[0060] If two codewords "010101000010" exist within the MCG1, as shown in Figure 4C, that is, if the decoding value for the original codeword "010101000010" of the two same codewords is 129, and the NCG for the original codeword is DCG1, and the decoding value for the duplicated codeword "010101000010" is 130, and the NCG for the duplicated codeword is DCG2, the codewords "010101000010" are demodulated to 129 or 130 depending on whether the next codewords come from the DCG1 or DCG2.

[0061] Figures 4A through 4E show the code conversion tables of the main conversion code groups MCG1 and MCG2 and redundant code demodulation conversion code groups DCG1 and DCG2 produced by the method illustrated in Figures 3A and 3B.

[0062] Production and arrangement of DSV code groups will now be described. In the present invention, the DSV code groups are provided to suppress the DC component of a codeword stream.

[0063] In step S117, codewords having an LZ of 1 to 8 are stored in the first DSV code group so that the sign of CSV and the characteristics of INV of each of the codewords are opposite to those of a corresponding codeword in MCG2. In step S118, codewords having an LZ of 0, 6 or 7 are stored in the second DSV code group so that the sign of CSV and the characteristics of INV of each of the codewords are opposite to those of corresponding codewords in DCG1. Likewise, codewords having LZ of 1-3 are stored in the third DSV code group so that the sign of CSV and the characteristics of INV of each of the codewords are opposite to those of a corresponding codeword in DCG2, in step S119.

[0064] Hence, in a DSV code group selection method, when the $EZ(p)$ of a codeword is 0 while $d \leq EZ(p) + LZ(c) \leq k$, a current codeword can be selected from the first DSV code group in which codewords having $LZ(c)$ of 1 to 8 are included. When a previous code is the original codeword among the two identical codewords while having an $EZ(p)$ of 1 to 3, a current codeword is selected from the second DSV code group in which codewords having $LZ(c)$ of 0, 6 or 7 are included. Likewise, when a previous code is the duplicated codeword among the two identical codewords while having an $EZ(p)$ of 1 to 3, a current codeword is selected from the third DSV code group in which codewords having an $LZ(c)$ of 1-3 are included.

[0065] Here, the code conversion table of the main conversion code group MCG2 and the first DSV code group for controlling DC suppression is shown in Figure 5, the first DSV code group is made up of 102 codewords having an LZ of 1 to 8, and codewords having an EZ of 0 to 7 among the 102 codewords are duplicated. The code conversion table of the redundant code demodulation conversion code group DCG1 and the second DSV code group for controlling DC suppression is shown in Figure 6, the second DSV code group is made up of 27 codewords having an LZ of 0, 6 or 7, and codewords having an EZ of 0 to 7 among the 27 codewords are all duplicated. The code conversion table of the redundant code demodulation conversion code group DCG2 and the third DSV code group for controlling DC suppression is shown in Figure 7, the third DSV code group is made up of 4 codewords having an LZ of 1 to 3, and codewords having an EZ of 0 to 7 among the 4 codewords are all duplicated.

[0066] Codewords produced in this way are stored in corresponding code groups, and a determination is made in step 120 as to whether an input codeword is the last codeword. If it is determined that the input codeword is the last codeword, this RLL code group producing method is concluded. Otherwise, i (where i is 0, 1, ..., $2^n - 1$) is increased in step S121 of Figure 3A, and the process returns to the step S102 of producing codewords.

[0067] The characteristics of demodulation codewords which are produced by the code producing method shown in Figures 3A and 3B and applied to the present invention are shown in Figure 8. The two main conversion code groups MCG1 and MCG2 include no identical codewords, and the two redundant code demodulation conversion code groups DCG1 and DCG2 include no identical codewords.

[0068] Codewords are arranged within a pair of code groups capable of DC control (for example, the MCG1 and the MCG2, the MCG2 and the first DSV code group, the DCG1 and the second DSV code group, and the DCG2 and the third DSV code group) so that a codeword in one code group has parameters INV and CSV opposite to those of a corresponding codeword in the other code group. In order to increase the probability of controlling DC suppression, the DSV code groups have a redundant codeword producing condition which is different from that of the main conversion code groups MCG1 and MCG2 or the redundant code demodulation conversion code groups DCG1 and DCG2. That is, the main conversion code groups or redundant code demodulation conversion code groups have a redundant codeword producing condition in which the number of end zeros is 1 to 3 (1000xxxxxx10 or 1001xxxxxx10 in MCG1 are exceptions). On the other hand, the DSV code groups has a redundant codeword producing condition in which the number of end zeros is 0 to 7, in order to produce as many redundant codewords as possible, resulting in an increase in the number of codewords. In order to achieve DC suppression control together with the redundant code demodulation conversion code groups DCG1 and DCG2, the DSV code groups remove a conventional code production precondition in which the codewords within a pair of code groups capable of DC control (for example, a pair of the DCG1 and second DSV code group and a pair of the DCG2 and third DSV code group) must have the same characteristics (for example, the same LZ condition).

[0069] In order to produce code groups capable of controlling DC suppression together with the redundant code demodulation conversion code groups, codewords which violate the LZ condition for all of the codewords within the redundant code demodulation conversion code groups are classified into the second and third DSV code groups. Here, the LZ condition of all of the codewords within the redundant code demodulation conversion code groups is that the LZ of codewords must be 5 or less, and the LZ condition of the codewords within the second and third DSV code groups must be no greater than k , which corresponds to the maximum run length.

[0070] Accordingly, as shown in Figure 9, the DC component of a code stream can be more effectively suppressed due to an increase in the probability of DC suppression control in the case of modulation using the codewords in modulation code groups according to the present invention than in the case of modulation using the codewords within the conventional modulation groups shown in Figure 1 or 2.

[0071] A method of modulating and demodulating RLL codes will now be described with reference to the code con-

version tables of Figures 4 through 7 which are produced by the method shown in Figures 3A and 3B.

[0072] Referring to Figures 10A and 10B, which is a flowchart illustrating a modulation method according to an embodiment of the present invention, parameter NCG representing the next code group is initialized to 1 and a variable n is initialized to 0 in step S201. The variable n increases by 1 in step S202. It is determined whether this is a time to insert a synchronous code in step S203. If this is a time to insert a synchronous code, a routine for inserting a synchronous pattern which is favorable for suppressing DC is executed in step S204, and the step S202 for increasing the variable n by 1 is again performed. A rule that the codeword next to the synchronous pattern must come from a specific codeword group is needed. Therefore, in an embodiment of the present invention, an NCG for designating the codeword next to the synchronous pattern is 2, and the codeword for the next data is searched for in the MCG2.

[0073] If it is determined in step S203 that this is not a time to insert a synchronous pattern, 1-byte data $dt[n]$ is read and temporarily stored in a storage means such as a register in step S205. Here, it is assumed that a time to modulate is $n-1$, a time after modulation has already been completed is $n-2$, and a time to perform another modulation is n .

[0074] When data of 2 bytes or more ($n \geq 2$) are read in step S206, $NCG[n-2]$, which is the NCG of the modulated codeword for previously-input data, is checked in step S207. If it is determined in step S207 that $NCG[n-2]$ is 1, the codeword for data to be currently modulated is searched for in MCG2, the found codeword is represented as $cod2(dt[n-1])$, and it is determined whether a portion where a previously modulated codeword $mc[n-2]$ is connected to a currently modulated codeword $cod2(dt[n-1])$ violates the run length condition (d,k) in step S208, which is expressed as $rl_check((mc[n-2], cod2(dt[n-1])) = (d,k) ?$ in Figure 10A. In the condition (d,k) used in the present invention, d is equal to 1, and k is equal to 8. In Figures 10A and 10B, $cod1(dt[n-1])$ denotes searching for a modulation codeword for input data in MCG1, $cod2(dt[n-1])$ denotes searching for a modulation codeword for input data in MCG2, $cod3(dt[n-1])$ denotes searching for a modulation codeword for input data in DCG1, $cod4(dt[n-1])$ denotes searching for a modulation codeword for input data in DCG2, $cod5(dt[n-1])$ denotes searching for a modulation codeword for input data in the first DSV code group, $cod6(dt[n-1])$ denotes searching for a modulation codeword for input data in the second DSV code group, and $cod7(dt[n-1])$ denotes searching for a modulation codeword for input data in the third DSV code group.

[0075] If it is determined in step S208 that the run length condition is violated, data $dt[n-1]$ to be currently modulated is modulated only into a codeword which is within MCG1, and $NCG[n-1]$ is obtained as defined in Figure 12 in step S209.

[0076] Figure 11 shows a table which defines $NCG[n-1]$ representing a code group having a codeword next to the currently modulated codeword $mc[n-1]$ when the bit portion where the previously modulated codeword $mc[n-2]$ is connected to the currently codeword $cod2(dt[n-1])$ to be modulated does not violate the run length condition (d,k) . In Figure 10A, the $NCG[n-1]$ of Figure 11 is defined as $ncgdet(mc[n-1])$.

[0077] The value of $NCG[n-1]$ varies with the EZ of the previously modulated codeword in one among the conversion code groups MCG1, MCG2, DCG1 and DCG2. That is, when EZ is 0, $NCG[n-1]$ is 2 (which denotes the main code group MCG2). When EZ is 1 to 3, $NCG[n-1]$ is 3 (which denotes the redundant code demodulation decision code group DCG1) or 4 (which denotes the redundant code demodulation decision code group DCG2) depending on the values of specific bits of a current codeword SR1. When EZ exceeds 3, $NCG[n-1]$ is 1 (which denotes the main code group MCG1).

[0078] Figure 12 shows an exception table which defines $NCG[n-1]$ as representing a code group having a codeword next to the currently modulated codeword $mc[n-1]$. As shown in Figure 12, when a previous codeword exists in the MCG1, and the previous codeword is 1000xxxxxx10 or 1001xxxxxx10, $NCG[n-1]$ is not 3 or 4 but 1, even though EZ is 1. In Figure 10A, the $NCG[n-1]$ of Figure 12 is defined as $ncgdet^*(mc[n-1])$.

[0079] The value of $NCG[n-1]$ varies with the EZ of the previously modulated codeword in one among the conversion code groups MCG1, MCG2, DCG1 and DCG2. That is, when EZ is 0, $NCG[n-1]$ is 2 (which denotes the main code group MCG2). When EZ is 1 to 3, $NCG[n-1]$ is 3 (which denotes the redundant code demodulation decision code group DCG1) or 4 (which denotes the redundant code demodulation decision code group DCG2) depending on the values of specific bits of a current codeword SR1. However, the $NCG[n-1]$ of a codeword 1000xxxxxx10 or 1001xxxxxx10 among the codewords within the MCG1 is 1. When EZ exceeds 3, $NCG[n-1]$ is 1 (which denotes the main code group MCG1).

[0080] Figure 13 shows a table which defines $NCG[n-1]$ representing a code group having the codeword next to the current modulated codeword $mc[n-1]$ when the previous codeword is modulated in one among the DSV code groups. In Figure 10A, the $NCG[n-1]$ of Figure 13 is defined as $ncgdet^{**}(mc[n-1])$.

[0081] The value of $NCG[n-1]$ varies with the EZ of the previous codeword SR0 modulated in a DSV code group. That is, when EZ is 0 to 7, $NCG[n-1]$ is 3 (which denotes the redundant code demodulation decision code group DCG1) or 4 (which denotes the redundant code demodulation decision code group DCG2) depending on the values of specific bits of a current codeword SR1. When EZ exceeds 8, $NCG[n-1]$ is 1 (which denotes the main code group MCG1).

[0082] That is, if the previous codeword SR0 is found in one among the conversion code groups MCG1, MCG2, DCG1 and DCG2, the NCG is obtained as defined in Figure 11 or 12. If the previous codeword SR0 is found in one among the first, second and third DSV code groups for DC suppression control, the NCG is obtained as defined in Figure 13. However, when the previous codeword SR0 is found in one among the first, second and third DSV code

groups for DC suppression control, if the EZ of the previous codeword SRO is 8, NCG is 1 (which denotes the MCG1). If the EZ of the previous codeword SRO is 0 to 7, NCG is 3 (which denotes the DCG1) or 4 (which denotes the DCG2) depending on the values of specific bits of the current codeword SR1.

[0083] If it is determined in step S208 of Figure 10A that the run length condition is satisfied, a codeword, which is current data $dt[n-1]$ to be demodulated, is searched for in the MCG2 capable of DC suppression together with the MCG1, and the NCG[n-1] representing a code group having the codeword next to the current codeword to be modulated is temporarily obtained as defined in Figure 11, in step S210. In step S211, it is determined whether the run length between a current codeword $cod2(dt[n-1])$ to be modulated and the next codeword $cod_{NCG[n-1]}(dt[n])$ to be modulated the next time in a code group designated by the NCG[n-1] is violated.

[0084] If it is determined in step S211 that the run length condition is violated, $dt[n-1]$ can be modulated only into a codeword within MCG1 and the NCG[n-1] is obtained as defined in Figure 12 in step S209. In step S212, if the run length condition is not violated, $dt[n-1]$ can be modulated into a codeword within MCG1 or MCG2, and selection of one of the two groups is made so that a codeword in the selected code group preferably suppresses DC. In Figure 10A, the selection of a codeword favorable for DC suppression is expressed as $DCC(cod1(dt[n-1]), cod2(dt[n-1]))$. NCG[n-1] is determined depending on the type of a code group and a codeword determined in step S212. That is, when $dt[n-1]$ is selected from the MCG1, NCG[n-1] is determined by Figure 12. When $dt[n-1]$ is selected from the MCG2, NCG[n-1] is determined by Figure 11.

[0085] If it is determined in step S207 that NCG[n-2] is 2, it is determined whether current data $dt[n-1]$ to be currently modulated is smaller than 102, in step S213. If it is determined in step S213 that data $dt[n-1]$ is greater than 101, a codeword for the data is searched for in the MCG2, the found codeword is expressed as $cod2(dt[n-1])$, and NCG[n-1] is obtained as defined in Figure 11, in step S214. If it is determined in step S213 that $dt[n-1]$ is smaller than or equal to 101, it is determined whether the run length condition (d,k) between the previously modulated codeword $mc[n-2]$ and the codeword for $dt[n-1]$, $cod5(dt[n-1])$, in the first DSV code group is violated, in step S215, which is expressed as $rl_check((mc[n-2], cod5(dt[n-1]))=(d,k)?$ in Figure 10A.

[0086] If it is determined in step S215 that the run length condition is violated, the step S214, in which $dt[n-1]$ is modulated only into a codeword which is within MCG2 and the NCG[n-1] is obtained as defined in Figure 11, is performed. If it is determined in step S215 that the run length condition is satisfied, a codeword for data $dt[n-1]$ is searched for in the first DSV code group capable of DC suppression together with the MCG2, and the NCG[n-1] is temporarily obtained as defined in Figure 13, in step S216. In step S217, it is determined whether the run length condition between $cod5(dt[n-1])$ and the next codeword $cod_{NCG[n-1]}(dt[n])$ to be modulated the next time in a code group designated by the NCG[n-1] is violated.

[0087] If it is determined in step S217 that the run length condition is violated, the step S214, in which $dt[n-1]$ is modulated only into a codeword which is within MCG2 and the NCG[n-1] is obtained as defined in Figure 11, is performed. If the run length condition is not violated, $dt[n-1]$ can be modulated into a codeword which is within MCG2 or within the first DSV code group, and a codeword into which data is to be modulated is selected from a code group having a codeword which is favorable for DC suppression, in step S218. In Figure 10A, the selection of a codeword favorable for DC suppression is expressed as $DCG(cod2(dt[n-1]), cod5(dt[n-1]))$. NCG[n-1] is determined depending on the type of code group and codeword determined in step S218. That is, when $dt[n-1]$ is selected from the MCG2, NCG[n-1] is determined as defined in Figure 11. When $dt[n-1]$ is selected from the first DSV code group, NCG[n-1] is determined as defined in Figure 13.

[0088] If it is determined in step S207 that NCG[n-2] is 3, it is determined whether current data $dt[n-1]$ to be currently modulated is smaller than 27, in step S219 of Figure 10B. If it is determined in step S219 that data $dt[n-1]$ is greater than 26, a codeword for the data is searched for in the DCG1, the found codeword is expressed as $cod3(dt[n-1])$, and NCG[n-1] is obtained as defined in Figure 11, in step S220. If it is determined in step S219 that $dt[n-1]$ is smaller than or equal to 26, it is determined in step S221 whether the run length condition (d,k) between the previously modulated codeword $mc[n-2]$ and a codeword for $dt[n-1]$, $cod6(dt[n-1])$, in the second DSV code group is violated, which is expressed as $rl_check((mc[n-2], cod6(dt[n-1]))=(d,k)?$ in Figure 10B.

[0089] If it is determined in step S221 that the run length condition is violated, the step S220, in which $dt[n-1]$ is modulated only into a codeword which is within DCG1 and the NCG[n-1] is obtained as defined in Figure 11, is performed. If it is determined in step S221 that the run length condition is satisfied, a codeword for data $dt[n-1]$ is searched for in the second DSV code group capable of DC suppression together with the DCG1, and the NCG[n-1] is temporarily obtained as defined in Figure 13, in step S222. In step S223, it is determined whether the run length condition between $cod6(dt[n-1])$ and the next codeword $cod_{NCG[n-1]}(dt[n])$ to be modulated the next time in a code group designated by the NCG[n-1] is violated. If it is determined in step S223 that the run length condition is violated, the step S220, in which $dt[n-1]$ is modulated only into a codeword which is within DCG1 and the NCG[n-1] is obtained as defined in Figure 11, is performed. If the run length condition is not violated, $dt[n-1]$ can be modulated into a codeword which is within DCG1 or within the second DSV code group, and a codeword into which data is to be modulated is selected from a code group having a codeword which is favorable for DC suppression, in step S224. In Figure 10B, the selection

of a codeword favorable for DC suppression is expressed as $DCC(cod3(dt[n-1]), cod6(dt[n-1]))$. $NCG[n-1]$ is determined depending on the type of a code group and a codeword determined in step S224. That is, when $dt[n-1]$ is selected from the DCG1, $NCG[n-1]$ is determined as defined in Figure 11. When $dt[n-1]$ is selected from the second DSV code group, $NCG[n-1]$ is determined as defined in Figure 13.

[0090] If it is determined in step S207 that $NCG[n-2]$ is 4, it is determined in step S225 whether current data $dt[n-1]$ to be modulated is smaller than 4. If it is determined in step S225 that data $dt[n-1]$ is greater than 3, a codeword for the data is searched for in the DCG2, the found codeword is expressed as $cod4(dt[n-1])$, and $NCG[n-1]$ is obtained as defined in Figure 11, in step S226.

[0091] If it is determined in step S225 that $dt[n-1]$ is smaller than or equal to 3, it is determined in step S227 whether the run length condition (d,k) between the previous modulated codeword $mc[n-2]$ and a codeword for $dt[n-1]$, $cod7(dt[n-1])$, in the third DSV code group is violated. This determination is expressed as $rl_check((mc[n-2], cod7(dt[n-1]))=(d,k)?)$, in Figure 10B.

[0092] If it is determined in step S227 that the run length condition is violated, the step S226, in which $dt[n-1]$ is modulated only into a codeword which is within DCG2 and the $NCG[n-1]$ is obtained as defined in Figure 11, is performed. If it is determined in step S227 that the run length condition is satisfied, a codeword for data $dt[n-1]$ is searched for in the third DSV code group capable of DC suppression together with the DCG2, and the $NCG[n-1]$ is temporarily obtained as defined in Figure 13, in step S228. In step S229, it is determined whether the run length condition between $cod7(dt[n-1])$ and the next codeword $cod_{NCG[n-1]}(dt[n])$ to be modulated the next time in a code group designated by the $NCG[n-1]$ is violated.

[0093] If it is determined in step S229 that the run length condition is violated, the step S226, in which $dt[n-1]$ is modulated only into a codeword which is within DCG2 and the $NCG[n-1]$ is obtained as defined in Figure 11, is performed. If the run length condition is not violated, $dt[n-1]$ can be modulated into a codeword within DCG2 or the third DSV code group, and a codeword into which data is to be modulated is selected from a code group having a codeword which is favorable for DC suppression, in step S230. In Figure 10B, the selection of a codeword favorable for DC suppression is expressed as $DCC(cod4(dt[n-1]), cod7(dt[n-1]))$. $NCG[n-1]$ is determined depending on the type of a code group and a codeword determined in step S230. That is, when $dt[n-1]$ is selected from the DCG2, $NCG[n-1]$ is determined as defined in Figure 11. When $dt[n-1]$ is selected from the third DSV code group, $NCG[n-1]$ is determined as defined in Figure 13.

[0094] After current input data is modulated, it is determined whether the modulated data is the last, in step S231. If the modulated data is the last, this process is concluded. Otherwise, the step S202 is again performed.

[0095] In Figures 14A and 14B which are flowcharts illustrating a demodulation method according to an embodiment of the present invention, an NCG value is set to be an initial value (here, 1), and a variable n is set to be 0, in step S301. In step S302, the variable n increases by 1. In step S303, a new codeword is input and stored in a shift register (not shown). Here, a shift register in which a current codeword to be currently demodulated is stored is referred to as SR1, a shift register in which a previous demodulated codeword is stored is referred to as SR0, and a shift register in which a next codeword to be demodulated the next time is stored is referred to as SR2.

[0096] In step S304, it is determined whether variable n is equal to or greater than 2. If variable n is equal to or smaller than 1, only a new codeword is received, and the step S302 for increasing variable n by 1 is again performed. If it is determined in step S304 that variable n is equal to or greater than 2, a determination is made as to whether the previous codeword SR0 is a synchronous signal SYNC, in step S305. If the previous codeword SR0 is a synchronous signal SYNC, a synchronous restoring routine for synchronous protection and interleaving is performed in step S306. Then, the step S302 is again performed.

[0097] If it is determined in step S305 that the previous codeword SR0 is not a synchronous signal, a determination is made as to whether variable n is greater than or equal to 3, in step S307. If variable n is greater than or equal to 3, an NCG determination process (steps S308 through S316) for searching for a code group having the current codeword SR1 is performed. Otherwise, a demodulation process (steps S317 through S322 in Figure 14B) is performed.

[0098] That is, if variable n is greater than or equal to 3, a determination is made as to whether the previous codeword SR0 belongs to a conversion code group MCG1, MCG2, DCG1 or DCG2, in step S308. If it is determined that the previous codeword SR0 belongs to a conversion code group MCG1, MCG2, DCG1 or DCG2, its EZ value is checked in step S309.

[0099] If it is determined in step S309 that the EZ value of the previous codeword SR0 is smaller than the minimum run length d , that is, if EZ is 0, NCG representing a code group having a current codeword being demodulated is updated to 2, which represents the MCG2 or the first DSV code group, in step S310. If the EZ is equal to or greater than the minimum run length d and equal to or smaller than a codeword duplication parameter y , that is, if $1 \leq EZ \leq 3$, it is determined in step S311 whether the 4 upper bits of the previous codeword SR0 represent 8 (1000b) or 9 (1001b) when NCG is 1 and the EZ is 1. If the four upper bits of the previous codeword SR0 do not represent 8 (1000b) or 9 (1001b), all bits of the current codeword SR1 being demodulated are checked, in step S312. If the LZ of the current codeword SR1 is 0 or greater than or equal to 4, NCG representing a code group including the current codeword SR1

is updated to 3, which represents the DCG1 or second DSV code group, in step S313. If the LZ of the current codeword SR1 is 1, 2 or 3, NCG representing a code group including the current codeword SR1 is updated to 4, which represents the DCG2 or third DSV code group, in step S314. If it is determined in step S311 that the previous codeword SR0 is included in MCG1, the EZ value thereof is 1, and the four upper bits thereof represent 8 (1000b) or 9 (1001b), or if it is determined in step S309 that the EZ value of the previous codeword SR0 is greater than duplication parameter y , NCG designating a code group having a current codeword to be currently modulated is updated to 1, which represents MCG1 or MCG2, in step S315.

[0100] If it is determined in step S308 that the previous codeword SR0 belongs to none of the MCG1, MCG2, DCG1 and DCG2, it is determined in step S316 whether the EZ of the previous codeword SR0 is 8. If the EZ of the previous codeword SR0 is 8, step S315 is performed, in which NCG designating a code group having a current codeword to be currently modulated is updated to 1. Otherwise, the step S312 for checking the bits of the current codeword to be currently demodulated, SR1, is performed.

[0101] In step S317 of Figure 14B, a determination is made as to whether a code group designated by each of the updated NCGs has two identical codewords. If it is determined in step S317 that two identical codewords exist in the designated code group, the bits of the next codeword SR2 are checked in step S318. If the LZ value of the next codeword is 0 or greater than or equal to 4, the code to be currently demodulated is identified as the first codeword of the two identical codewords and is demodulated into the original data for the first codeword in step S319. If the LZ value of the next codeword is 1, 2 or 3, the code to be currently demodulated is identified as the second codeword of the two identical codewords and is demodulated into the original data for the second codeword in step S320.

[0102] If it is determined in step S317 that a code group designated by the updated NCG has only a single codeword SR1 to be currently demodulated, the single codeword SR1 is selected from the code group designated by the updated NCG and demodulated into the original data in step S321.

[0103] After the current codeword SR1 is demodulated, a determination is made as to whether the demodulated codeword is the last in step S322. If the demodulated codeword is the last, this demodulation process is concluded. Otherwise, the step S302 of Figure 14A for increasing variable n by 1 is again performed.

[0104] According to the present invention as described above, the DC suppression capability is improved by producing DC suppression control DSV code groups by making the most of the characteristics (for example, parameters CSV and INV) of codewords in data modulation conversion code groups.

[0105] In the present invention, the DC suppression control DSV code groups are produced by making the most of the characteristics of codewords in conversion code groups, such as, the sign of parameter CSV representing the DC value within a codeword and the characteristics of parameter INV predicting the DSV transition direction of the next codeword, although they have separate codewords from data modulation conversion code groups, and yet relaxing the duplicate codeword generation condition or the condition of usable codewords compared to the data modulation conversion code groups. Therefore, the probability of DC suppression control further increases, so that the DC component of a code stream can be further suppressed.

[0106] The reader's attention is directed to all papers and documents which are filed concurrently with or previous to this specification in connection with this application and which are open to public inspection with this specification, and the contents of all such papers and documents are incorporated herein by reference.

[0107] All of the features disclosed in this specification (including any accompanying claims, abstract and drawings), and/or all of the steps of any method or process so disclosed, may be combined in any combination, except combinations where at least some of such features and/or steps are mutually exclusive.

[0108] Each feature disclosed in this specification (including any accompanying claims, abstract and drawings), may be replaced by alternative features serving the same, equivalent or similar purpose, unless expressly stated otherwise. Thus, unless expressly stated otherwise, each feature disclosed is one example only of a generic series of equivalent or similar features.

[0109] The invention is not restricted to the details of the foregoing embodiment(s). The invention extend to any novel one, or any novel combination, of the features disclosed in this specification (including any accompanying claims, abstract and drawings), or to any novel one, or any novel combination, of the steps of any method or process so disclosed.

Claims

1. A method of modulating input data into a run length limited (RLL) code which is expressed as (d, k, m, n) , where d denotes a minimum run length, k denotes the maximum run length, m denotes the bit length of data, and n denotes the bit length of a codeword, the method comprising (a) modulating m -bit input data into a codeword, which is favorable for DC suppression, from a predetermined number of first code groups for data modulation and a predetermined number of second code groups for DC suppression control, the first and second code groups having

redundant codewords and being produced so that the codewords within the first code group have a first parameter CSV (codeword sum value) which represents the direct current (DC) value of a codeword, the sign of which is opposite to that of corresponding codewords within the second code group, and a second parameter INV which predicts the digital sum value (DSV) transition direction of the next codeword, the characteristic of which is opposite to that of corresponding codewords within the second code group, wherein the first and second code groups have different redundant codeword generation conditions.

2. The method of claim 1, wherein the number of codewords in the second code group is increased by relaxing the redundant codeword generation condition for the second code group compared to the first code group, so that the probability of suppressing the DC component of a code stream during modulation is improved.
3. The method of claim 1 or 2, wherein codewords having an end zero number of 1 to 3 within the first code group have duplicates, and codewords having an end zero number of 0 to 7 within the second code group have duplicates.
4. The method of claim 1, 2 or 3 wherein the first code group is made up of main code groups MCG1 and MCG2 and redundant code demodulation conversion code groups DCG1 and DCG2, and the second code group is made up of first, second and third DSV code groups.
5. The method of claim 4, wherein MCG1 includes codewords each having lead zeros, the number of which, LZ, is smaller than or equal to a MCG classification parameter x , the MCG2 includes codewords each of which LZ is greater than or equal to the MCG classification parameter x , MCG1 and MCG2 have no identical codewords, DCG1 and DCG2 include codewords each of which LZ is equal to or smaller than the difference between the maximum run length k and the codeword duplication parameter y , the codewords are disposed in DCG1 or DCG2 depending on the values of specific bits of the codewords, the first DSV code group is made up of codewords having a first parameter whose sign is opposite to that of corresponding codewords in MCG2 and a second parameter whose characteristic is opposite to that of corresponding codewords in MCG2, the second DSV code group is made up of codewords having a first parameter whose sign is opposite to that of corresponding codewords in DCG1 and a second parameter whose characteristic is opposite to that of corresponding codewords in DCG1, and the third DSV code group is made up of codewords having a first parameter whose sign is opposite to that of corresponding codewords in DCG2 and a second parameter whose characteristic is opposite to that of corresponding codewords in DCG2.
6. The method of claim 5, wherein d is 1, k is 8, m is 8, n is 12, parameter x for classifying MCG1 and MCG2 is 1, and code duplication parameter y is 3.
7. The method of claim 4, wherein the DC suppression control is achieved by selecting a codeword which is favorable for DC suppression from a code group pair capable of DC control, that is, main code groups MCG1 and MCG2, MCG2 and the first DSV code group for DC suppression control, the redundant code demodulation conversion code group DCG1 and the second DSV code group for DC suppression control, or the redundant code demodulation conversion code group DCG2 and the third DSV code group for DC suppression control.
8. The method of claim 4, wherein each codeword in each of the code groups has a third parameter (NCG) designating a code group having a codeword coming next to the above codeword, and the third parameter set for the first code group is different from that set for the second code group.
9. The method of claim 4, wherein the DC suppression control code group capable of controlling DC suppression together with the redundant code demodulation conversion code group is made up of codewords which violate the LZ condition among all of the codewords in the redundant code demodulation conversion code group.
10. The method of claim 9, wherein the lead zero number of all of the codewords within the redundant code demodulation conversion code group is less than or equal to 5, and the lead zero number of each of the codewords within the DC suppression control code group capable of controlling DC suppression together with the redundant code demodulation conversion code group is less than or equal to the maximum run length k .
11. A method of modulating input data into a run length limited (RLL) code which is expressed as (d, k, m, n) , where d denotes a minimum run length, k denotes the maximum run length, m denotes the bit length of data, and n denotes the bit length of a codeword, the method comprising:

(a) receiving m-bit input data;

(b) searching for a codeword for the received data in a data modulation code group designated as a code group having a codeword to come next to a previously modulated codeword, and determining whether the run length condition between the found codeword and the previous codeword/next codeword is violated; and

(c) modulating the received data into the found codeword and determining a code group having a codeword to come next to the modulated codeword, if the run length condition is violated, and otherwise, modulating the received data into a codeword searched in a code group, which is favorable for DC suppression, among a data modulation code group designated as a code group having a codeword to come next to the previous codeword and a corresponding DC suppression control code group, and determining a code group having a codeword to come next to the modulated codeword.

12. The method of claim 11, wherein codewords having an end zero number of 1 to 3 within the data modulation code group have duplicates, and codewords having an end zero number of 0 to 7 within the DC suppression control code group have duplicates.

13. The method of claim 12, wherein a third parameter NCG (next code group) designating a code group having a codeword coming next to a codeword is set on each of the codewords within each of the code groups, and the third parameter for the data modulation code group is different from that for the DC suppression control code group.

14. The method of claim 11, 12 or 13 wherein the minimum run length is 1, and the maximum run length is 8.

15. The method of claim 11, 12, 13 or 14 wherein the data modulation code group is made up of main code groups MCG1 and MCG2 and redundant code demodulation conversion code groups DCG1 and DCG2, and the DC suppression control code group is made up of first, second and third DSV code groups.

16. The method of claim 15, wherein the MCG1 includes codewords each of which LZ is smaller than or equal to a MCG classification parameter x , the MCG2 includes codewords each of which LZ is greater than or equal to the MCG classification parameter x , the codewords within the MCG1 have a first parameter CSV (codeword sum value) which represents the direct current (DC) value of a codeword, the sign of which is opposite to that of corresponding codewords within the MCG2, and a second parameter INV which predicts the digital sum value (DSV) transition direction of the next codeword, the characteristic of which is opposite to that of corresponding codewords within MCG2, so that MCG1 and MCG2 have no identical codewords, DCG1 and DCG2 include codewords each of which LZ is equal to or smaller than the difference between the maximum run length k and the codeword duplication parameter y while the sign of the first parameter and the characteristic of the second parameter for the DCG1 are opposite to those for the DCG2, the codewords are disposed in DCG1 or DCG2 depending on the values of specific bits of the codewords, the first DSV code group is made up of codewords having a first parameter whose sign is opposite to that of corresponding codewords in MCG2 and a second parameter whose characteristic is opposite to that of corresponding codewords in DCG1 and a second parameter whose characteristic is opposite to that of corresponding codewords in DCG1, and the third DSV code group is made up of codewords having a first parameter whose sign is opposite to that of corresponding codewords in DCG2 and a second parameter whose characteristic is opposite to that of corresponding codewords in DCG2.

17. The method of claim 15, wherein in step (c), if the run length condition is satisfied, the received data is modulated into a codeword selected from a code group, which is favorable for DC suppression, among a code group pair capable of DC control, that is, main code groups MCG1 and MCG2, the main code group MCG2 and the first DSV code group for DC suppression control, the redundant code demodulation conversion code group DCG1 and the second DSV code group for DC suppression control, or the redundant code demodulation conversion code group DCG2 and the third DSV code group for DC suppression control.

18. The method of claim 15, wherein the DC suppression control code group capable of controlling DC suppression together with the redundant code demodulation conversion code group is made up of codewords which violate the LZ condition among all of the codewords in the redundant code demodulation conversion code group.

19. The method of claim 18, wherein the number of lead zeros of all of the codewords within the redundant code demodulation conversion code group is less than or equal to 5, and the number of lead zeros of each of the

codewords within the DC suppression control code group capable of controlling DC suppression together with the redundant code demodulation conversion code group is less than or equal to the maximum run length k .

20. The method of claim 15, wherein in step (c), if it is determined in step (b) that the run length condition between a codeword to be currently modulated and the previous codeword/next codeword is satisfied and also that the previous codeword has been modulated in one among the conversion code groups MCG1, MCG2, DCG1 and DCG2, a code group designated by the current modulated codeword as a code group having a codeword to come next to the current codeword is determined depending on the number of end zeros, EZ, of the previous codeword modulated in one among the conversion code groups, wherein, if EZ is smaller than the minimum run length d , the main code group MCG1 is determined, if EZ is equal to or greater than d and smaller than or equal to a codeword duplication parameter y , the redundant code demodulation conversion code group DCG1 or DCG2 is determined depending on the values of specific bits of the current codeword, and if EZ is greater than y , the MCG1 is determined.
21. The method of claim 20, wherein, although the previous codeword has been modulated in the main code group MCG1, when the previous codeword is 1000xxxxxx10 or 1001xxxxxx10, the main code group MCG1 is determined as a code group designated by the current codeword, from which a codeword to come next to the current codeword is to be selected.
22. The method of claim 15, wherein in step (c), if it is determined in step (b) that the run length condition between a codeword to be currently modulated and the previous codeword/next codeword is satisfied and also the previous codeword has been modulated in one among the DSV code groups, a code group designated by the current modulated codeword as a code group having a codeword to come next to the current codeword is determined depending on the EZ of the previous codeword modulated in one among the DSV code groups, wherein, if EZ is equal to or greater than 0 and smaller than the maximum run length k , the redundant code demodulation conversion code group DCG1 or DCG2 is determined depending on the values of specific bits of the current modulated codeword, and if EZ is the maximum run length k , the main code group MCG1 is determined.
23. A method of demodulating a codeword stream received by an optical recording/reproduction apparatus using a run length limited (RLL) code in which input data has been modulated into a codeword in a code group, which is favorable for DC suppression, from a predetermined number of first code groups for data modulation and a predetermined number of second code groups for DC suppression control, the first and second code groups having duplicate codewords and being produced so that the codewords within the first code group have a first parameter CSV (codeword sum value) which represents the direct current (DC) value of a codeword, the sign of which is opposite to that of corresponding codewords within the second code group, and a second parameter INV which predicts the digital sum value (DSV) transition direction of the next codeword, the characteristic of which is opposite to that of corresponding codewords within the second code group, and the first and second code groups have different duplicate codeword generation conditions, the method comprising:
 - (a) receiving a codeword stream, and updating a third parameter NCG (next code group) designating a code group having a current codeword to be currently demodulated, depending on the characteristics of the previous codeword;
 - (b) determining whether there are two identical current codewords in a code group designated by the third updated parameter NCG; and
 - (c) demodulating the current codeword into the original data for a codeword in a code group designated by the third updated parameter NCG, if the current codeword does not have a duplicate, and demodulating the current codeword into the original data for one of the two identical codewords selected depending on the LZ of the next codeword, if the current codeword has a duplicate.
24. The method of claim 23, wherein the codeword stream is made up of codewords selected from a code group, which is favorable for DC suppression, of a code group pair capable of DC control, that is, main code groups MCG1 and MCG2, the main code group MCG2 and the first DSV code group for DC suppression control, the redundant code demodulation conversion code group DCG1 and the second DSV code group for DC suppression control, or the redundant code demodulation conversion code group DCG2 and the third DSV code group for DC suppression control.

25. The method of claim 23 or 24, wherein the step (a) comprises:

(a1) determining whether the previous codeword is included in the data modulation code group;

(a2) checking the EZ of the previous codeword if it is determined in step (a1) that the previous codeword is included in the data modulation code group;

(a3) updating the third parameter NCG to a first value that represents the main code group MCG2 or the first DSV code group, if the EZ of the previous codeword is smaller than the minimum run length d ;

(a4) determining whether a code group designated by the third parameter NCG of the previous codeword has two identical previous codewords, if the EZ of the previous codeword is equal to or greater than the minimum run length d and smaller than or equal to the codeword duplication parameter y ;

(a5) updating the third parameter NCG to a second value that represents the DCG1 or the second DSV code group or a third value that represents the DCG2 or the third DSV code group, depending on the values of specific bits of a current codeword, if it is determined in step (a4) that there are two identical previous codewords;

(a6) updating the third parameter NCG to a fourth value that represents the MCG1 or MCG2, if the EZ of the previous codeword is greater than the codeword duplication parameter y or if it is determined in step (a4) that the previous codeword does not have a duplicate; and

(a7) determining whether the EZ of the previous codeword is k , if it is determined in step (a1) that the previous codeword is not included in the data modulation code group, and, if EZ is k , returning to the step (a6), and otherwise, returning to the step (a4).

26. The method of claim 25, wherein, in the step (a5), when d is 1, k is 8, m is 8, n is 12, parameter x for classifying MCG1 and MCG2 is 1, codeword duplication parameter y is 3, and the specific bits are the 4 upper bits of the current codeword, if the MSB of the current codeword is "1" or the 4 upper bits thereof are all "0", the third parameter NCG is updated to the second value, and, otherwise, the third parameter (NCG) is updated to the third value.

FIG. 1 (PRIOR ART)

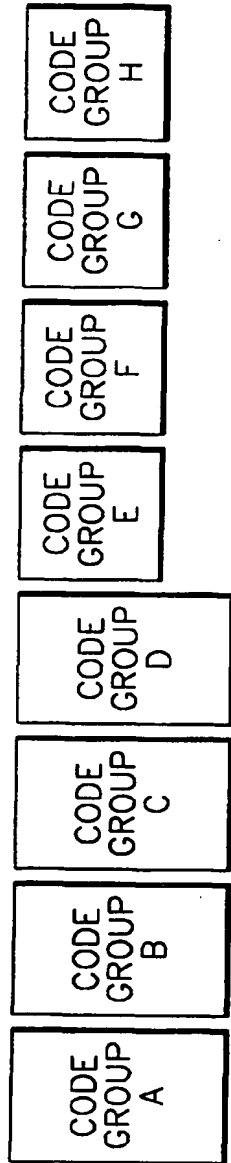


FIG. 2

NCG	1		2		3		4	
CODE GROUPS HAVING CODE WORDS INDICATED BY NCG	CONVERSION CODE GROUP	DC SUPPRESSION CODE GROUP FOR CONTROLLING DC SUPPRESSION WITH THE AID OF MCG1	CONVERSION CODE GROUP	DC SUPPRESSION CODE GROUP FOR CONTROLLING DC SUPPRESSION WITH THE AID OF MCG2	CONVERSION CODE GROUP	DC SUPPRESSION CODE GROUP FOR CONTROLLING DC SUPPRESSION WITH THE AID OF DCG1	CONVERSION CODE GROUP	DC SUPPRESSION CODE GROUP FOR CONTROLLING DC SUPPRESSION WITH THE AID OF DCG2
	MCG1 LZ=2~9	FOURTH DSV CODE GROUP I LZ=2~9	MCG2 LZ=0~1	FOURTH DSV CODE GROUP II LZ=0~1	DCG1	FOURTH DSV CODE GROUP III b15 (MSB)=b3=0	DCG2	FOURTH DSV CODE GROUP IV b15 (MSB)=1 OR b3=1
PROPERTIES								
DUPLICATE CODE GENERATION METHOD	CODE WORD IN WHICH EZ=2~5 IS REDUNDANTLY GENERATED IN ALL TYPES OF CODE GROUPS							

FIG. 3A

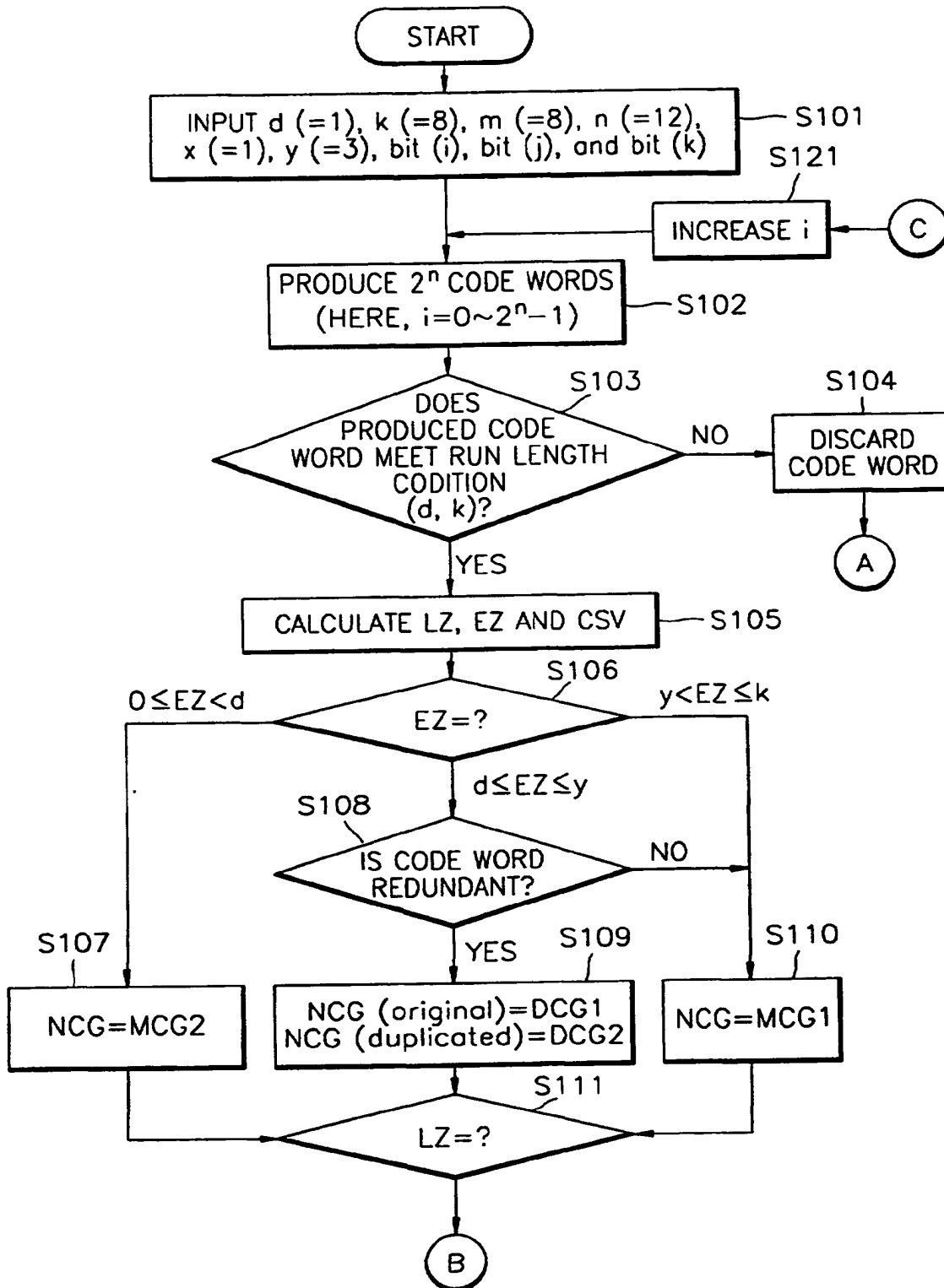


FIG. 3B

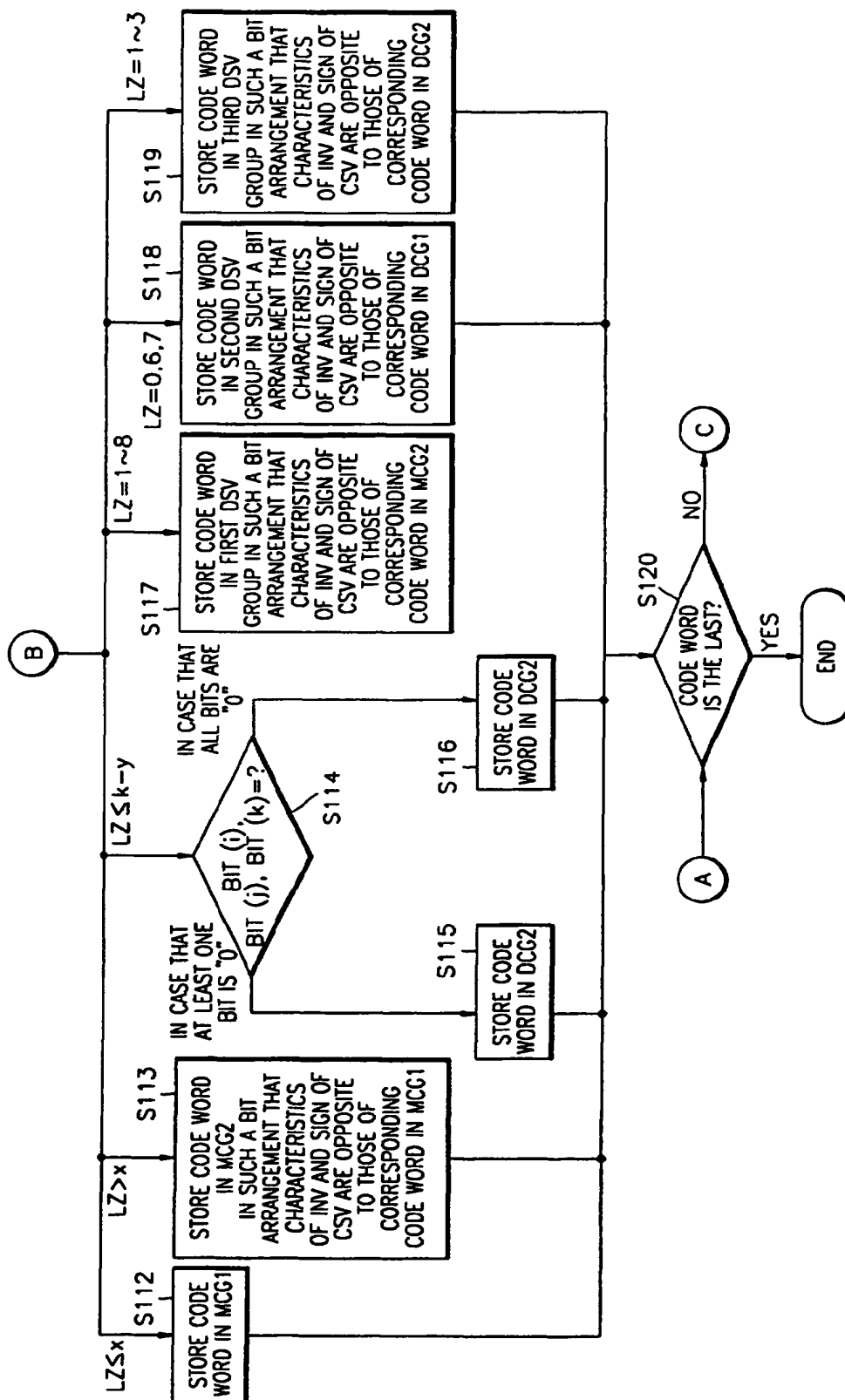


FIG. 4A

TABLE 1-a : MAIN CODE GROUPS MCG1 AND MCG2 AND REDUNDANT CODE DEMODULATION DECISION CODE GROUPS DCG1 AND DCG2

Data Symbol	MCG1			MCG2			DCG1			DCG2		
	Code Word		NCG	Code Word		NCG	Code Word		NCG	Code Word		NCG
	MSB	LSB		MSB	LSB		MSB	LSB		MSB	LSB	
000	101010000000		1	001010000000		1	101010000000		1	001010000000		1
001	100101000000		1	000101000000		1	100101000000		1	000101000000		1
002	100010100000		1	000010100000		1	100010100000		1	010000000010		3
003	100001010000		1	000001010000		1	100001010000		1	010000000010		4
004	100000101000		3	000000101000		3	100000101000		3	010000001000		3
005	100000010100		4	000000010100		4	100000010100		4	010000010001		2
006	100000001010		3	000000001010		3	100000001010		3	010000010010		3
007	100000000100		4	000000000100		4	100000000100		4	010000010010		4
008	100000000010		1	001001000000		1	100000000101		3	001001000000		1
009	100000000001		2	000100100000		1	100000000101		2	000100100000		1
010	010101000000		1	000010010000		1	100001001000		3	010101000000		1
011	010010100000		1	000001001000		3	100001001000		4	010010100000		1
012	010001010000		1	000001001000		4	100100100000		1	010001010000		1
013	010000101000		3	000000100100		3	100000001010		4	010000101000		3
014	010000101000		4	000000100100		4	100010100001		2	010000101000		4
015	010000010100		3	000000010010		3	100001010001		2	010000010100		3
016	010000010100		4	000000010010		4	100000010101		3	010000010100		4
017	010000001010		3	010100010100		3	100101000001		2	010000001010		3
018	010000001010		4	010100010100		4	100001001010		3	010000001010		4
019	010000000101		2	010100001010		3	100001010010		3	010000000101		2
020	010000000010		3	001010000001		2	100000101001		2	001010000001		2
021	010000000010		4	000101000001		2	100010001010		3	000101000001		2
022	010010000000		1	001010100000		1	100010010010		3	001010100000		1
023	010100000001		2	001000000001		2	100010100010		3	001000000001		2
024	101010000001		2	000010100001		2	101010000001		2	010001000010		3
025	101001000000		1	010100001010		4	100000010101		2	010100001010		3
026	101000000001		2	001000000010		3	101000000001		2	001000000010		3
027	100101000001		2	000001010001		2	100001000010		3	010000100010		4
028	100100100000		1	010100000101		2	000010010000		1	010100000101		2
029	100010100001		2	000000101001		2	100000010010		3	010000010010		3
030	100010010000		1	010001000000		1	100010010000		1	010001000000		1
031	100001010001		2	000000010101		2	100000100010		3	010000010010		4
032	100001001000		3	001010101000		3	000001001000		3	001010101000		3
033	100001001000		4	001010101000		4	000001001000		4	001010101000		4
034	100000101001		2	010010000001		2	100010000010		3	010010000001		2
035	100000100100		3	001010010100		3	100000100100		3	001010010100		3
036	100000100100		4	001010010100		4	100000100100		4	001010010100		4
037	100000010101		2	001010000010		3	101001000000		1	001010000010		3
038	100000010010		1	001010001010		3	100000010010		4	001010001010		3
039	100000001001		2	001010001010		4	100000001001		2	001010001010		4
040	100000000100		3	001010000010		4	100000000100		3	001010000010		4
041	100000000100		4	001001000001		2	100000000100		4	001001000001		2
042	010101000001		2	000101000010		3	100010101010		3	000101000010		3
043	010100100000		1	001010000101		2	100100000010		3	001010000101		2
044	010010100001		2	000101000010		4	100100001010		3	000101000010		4
045	010010010000		1	001000100000		1	100100010010		3	001000100000		1
046	010001010001		2	000100100001		2	100100100010		3	000100100001		2
047	010001001000		3	000101010100		3	100100101010		3	000101010100		3
048	010001001000		4	000101010100		4	100101000010		3	000101010100		4
049	010000101001		2	000010100010		3	000010100010		3	010000101001		2
050	010000100100		3	000101001010		3	100101001010		3	000101001010		3
051	010000100100		4	000101001010		4	100101010010		3	000101001010		4
052	010000010101		2	000010100010		4	000010100010		4	010000010101		2
053	010000010010		3	000101000101		2	000001000000		1	000101000101		2
054	010000010010		4	000100001000		1	000001000001		2	000100001000		1
055	010000001001		2	000010101010		3	000010101010		3	010000001001		2
056	010000000100		3	000010010001		2	000010010001		2	010000000100		3
057	010000000100		4	000001010010		3	000001010010		3	010000000100		4
058	010100000010		3	001000000010		4	000001000010		3	001000000010		4
059	010100000010		4	000100000001		2	000001000010		4	000100000001		2
060	010100101000		3	001001010000		1	000001000100		3	001001010000		1

FIG. 4B

TABLE 1-b : MAIN CODE GROUPS MCG1 AND MCG2 AND
REDUNDANT CODE DEMODULATION DECISION
CODE GROUPS DCG1 AND DCG2

Data Symbol	MCG1			MCG2			DCG1			DCG2		
	MSB	Code Word	LSB	MSB	Code Word	LSB	MSB	Code Word	LSB	MSB	Code Word	LSB
061		010100101000	4		001000101000	3		000001000100	4		001000101000	3
062		010101010000	1		001000101000	4		000001000101	2		001000101000	4
063		101010101000	3		000010101010	4		101010101000	3		010000100101	2
064		101010101000	4		000010100101	2		101010101000	4		010000101010	3
065		101010100000	1		001000010100	3		101010100000	1		001000010100	3
066		101010010100	3		000010001000	3		101010010100	3		010000101010	4
067		101010010100	4		000010001000	4		101010010100	4		010000100100	3
068		101010001010	3		000001010101	2		101010001010	3		010001000100	4
069		101010001010	4		000001000100	3		101010001010	4		010001000100	3
070		101010000101	2		000001000100	4		101010000101	2		010001000100	4
071		101010000010	3		000001010010	4		101010000010	3		010001000101	2
072		101010000010	4		000001000101	2		101010000010	4		010001010001	2
073		101001010000	1		001000010100	4		101001010000	1		001000010100	4
074		101001000001	2		000000101010	3		101001000001	2		010001010010	3
075		101000101000	3		001000001010	3		101000101000	3		001000001010	3
076		101000101000	4		001000001010	4		101000101000	4		001000001010	4
077		101000100000	1		000000100010	3		101000100000	1		010001010010	4
078		101000010100	3		001000000101	2		101000010100	3		001000000101	2
079		101000010100	4		000010000000	1		101000010100	4		010001010101	2
080		101000001010	3		001010010000	1		101000001010	3		001010010000	1
081		101000001010	4		001001001000	3		101000001010	4		001001001000	3
082		101000000101	2		001001001000	4		101000000101	2		001001001000	4
083		101000000010	3		001010100001	2		101000000010	3		001010100001	2
084		101000000010	4		001001010001	2		101000000010	4		001001010001	2
085		100101010100	3		000000100010	4		100101010100	3		010010000000	1
086		100101010100	4		000000100001	2		100101010100	4		010010000100	3
087		100101001010	1		010101001000	3		100101001010	4		010101001000	3
088		100101000101	2		010101001000	4		100101000101	2		010101001000	4
089		100101000010	1		000000101010	4		100101000010	4		010010000100	4
090		100100100001	2		000000100101	2		100100100001	2		010010010000	1
091		100100010000	1		010100100100	3		100100010000	1		010100100100	3
092		100100000001	2		001000101001	2		100100000001	2		001000101001	2
093		100010101010	1		010100100100	4		100010101010	4		010100100100	4
094		100010100101	2		010100010010	3		100010100101	2		010100010010	3
095		100010100010	1		010101010001	2		100010100010	4		010101010001	2
096		100010010001	2		010100101001	2		100010010001	2		010100101001	2
097		100010001000	3		010100010010	4		100010001000	3		010100010010	4
098		100010001000	4		010100001001	2		100010001000	4		010100001001	2
099		100010000000	1		001000100100	3		100010000000	1		001000100100	3
100		100001010101	2		010010101000	3		100001010101	2		010010101000	3
101		100001010010	1		010100010101	2		100001010010	4		010100010101	2
102		100001001001	2		010100000100	3		100001001001	2		010100000100	3
103		100001000100	3		010010101000	4		100001000100	3		010010101000	4
104		100001000100	4		010010010100	3		100001000100	4		010010010100	3
105		100000101010	1		010100000100	4		100000101010	4		010100000100	4
106		100000100101	2		010010000100	3		100000100101	2		010010000100	3
107		100000100010	1		010010010100	4		100000100010	4		010010010100	4
108		1000000010001	2		010010001010	3		1000000010001	2		010010001010	3
109		1000000001000	3		010010000010	4		1000000001000	3		010010000010	4
110		1000000001000	4		010001000001	2		1000000001000	4		010001000001	2
111		010100100001	2		001010101001	2		000001001001	2		001010101001	2
112		010101000101	2		010010001010	4		000001001010	3		010010001010	4
113		010100010000	1		010010000101	2		000001001010	4		010010000101	2
114		010010100010	3		001010010101	2		000001010000	1		001010010101	2
115		010010100010	4		001010000100	3		000001010001	2		001010000100	3
116		010010100101	2		010000100000	1		000001010010	4		010000100000	1
117		010010010001	2		001010000100	4		000001010100	3		001010000100	4
118		010010001000	3		001010100100	3		000001010100	4		001010100100	3
119		010010001000	4		001010100100	4		000001010101	2		001010100100	4
120		010001010101	2		001010010010	3		000010000000	1		001010010010	3

FIG. 4C

TABLE 1-c : MAIN CODE GROUPS MCG1 AND MCG2 AND
REDUNDANT CODE DEMODULATION DECISION
CODE GROUPS DCG1 AND DCG2

Data Symbol	MCG1			MCG2			DCG1			DCG2		
	Code Word MSB	LSB	NCG	Code Word MSB	LSB	NCG	Code Word MSB	LSB	NCG	Code Word MSB	LSB	NCG
121	010001010010		3	001001000010		3	000010000001		2	001001000010		3
122	010001010010		4	001001000010		4	000010000010		3	001001000010		4
123	010001001001		2	001000100001		2	000010000010		4	001000100001		2
124	010001000100		3	001010010010		4	000010000100		3	001010010010		4
125	010001000100		4	001010001001		2	000010000100		4	001010001001		2
126	010000010001		2	001001010100		3	000010000101		2	001001010100		3
127	010101010100		3	001001010100		4	000010001000		3	001001010100		4
128	010101010100		4	001001001010		3	000010001000		4	001001001010		3
129	010101000010		3	000101010101		2	000010001001		2	000101010101		2
130	010101000010		4	000101000100		3	000010001010		3	000101000100		3
131	010010101010		3	001001001010		4	000010001010		4	001001001010		4
132	010010101010		4	001001000101		2	000010010010		3	001001000101		2
133	010101001010		3	001000010000		1	000010010010		4	001000010000		1
134	010101001010		4	000101010010		3	000010010100		3	000101010010		3
135	010000101010		3	000101000100		4	000010010100		4	000101000100		4
136	010000101010		4	000100100010		3	000010010101		2	000100100010		3
137	010000100101		2	000100100010		4	000010100000		1	000100100010		4
138	010000100010		3	000101010010		4	000010100001		2	000101010010		4
139	010000100010		4	000101001001		2	000010100100		3	000101001001		2
140	010000001000		3	0001000010001		2	000010100101		2	0001000010001		2
141	010000001000		4	000010100100		3	000010100100		4	010000001000		4
142	101010101001		2	000010100100		4	101010101001		2	010010010001		2
143	101010100100		3	000100101010		3	101010100100		3	000100101010		3
144	101010100100		4	000100101010		4	101010100100		4	000100101010		4
145	101010100001		2	001000010101		2	101010100001		2	001000010101		2
146	101010010101		2	000010010010		3	101010010101		2	000010010010		3
147	101010010010		3	000100100101		2	101010010010		3	000100100101		2
148	101010010010		4	000100001000		3	101010010010		4	000100001000		3
149	101010010000		1	001000100100		4	101010010000		1	001000100100		4
150	101010001001		2	000100001000		4	101010001001		2	000100001000		4
151	101010000100		3	000010010010		4	101010000100		3	010010100010		3
152	101010000100		4	000010001001		2	101010000100		4	010010100010		4
153	101001010100		3	000010101001		2	101001010100		3	010010100101		2
154	101001010100		4	000010010101		2	101001010100		4	010010100101		3
155	101001010001		2	001000000100		3	101001010001		2	001000000100		3
156	101001001010		3	000010000100		3	101001001010		3	010010101010		4
157	101001001010		4	000010000100		4	101001001010		4	010100000001		2
158	101001001000		3	001000010010		3	101001001000		3	001000010010		3
159	101001001000		4	001000010010		4	101001001000		4	001000010010		4
160	101001000101		2	000001000010		3	101001000101		2	010100000010		3
161	101001000010		3	000001010100		3	101001000010		3	010100000010		4
162	101001000010		4	000001010100		4	101001000010		4	010100000010		4
163	101000101001		2	001000000100		4	101000101001		2	001000000100		4
164	101000100100		3	001000001001		2	101000100100		3	001000001001		2
165	101000100100		4	000101010000		1	101000100100		4	000101010000		1
166	101000100001		2	000001001010		3	101000100001		2	010100010000		1
167	101000010101		2	000100000010		3	101000010101		2	000100000010		3
168	101000010010		3	000100101000		3	101000010010		3	000100101000		3
169	101000010010		4	000100101000		4	101000010010		4	000100101000		4
170	101000001000		1	000001000010		4	101000001000		1	010100010100		3
171	101000001001		2	000100001010		3	101000001001		2	000100001010		3
172	101000000100		3	000100000010		4	101000000100		3	000100000010		4
173	101000000100		4	000010000001		2	101000000100		4	010100010100		4
174	100101010101		2	000001001010		4	100101010101		2	010100010000		1
175	100101010010		1	000000100001		2	100101010010		4	010100010001		2
176	100101010000		1	000100001010		4	100101010000		1	000100001010		4
177	100101000101		2	010101010101		2	100101000101		2	010101010000		3
178	100101000100		3	000001000101		2	100101000100		3	010100010000		4
179	100101000100		4	000000010000		1	100101000100		4	010100010010		3
180	100100101010		1	010100100010		3	100100101010		4	010100100010		3

FIG. 4D

TABLE 1-d : MAIN CODE GROUPS MCG1 AND MCG2 AND REDUNDANT CODE DEMODULATION DECISION CODE GROUPS DCG1 AND DCG2

Data Symbol	MCG1			MCG2			DCG1			DCG2		
	MSB	Code Word	LSB	NCG	MSB	Code Word	LSB	NCG	MSB	Code Word	LSB	NCG
181		100100101000		3		000100001010		3		100100101000		3
182		100100101000		4		000100001010		4		100100101000		4
183		100100100101		2		010100100010		4		100100100101		2
184		100100100010		1		010101010010		3		100100100010		4
185		1001000010100		3		000100000101		2		1001000010100		3
186		1001000010100		4		000001000000		1		1001000010100		4
187		1001000010001		2		010101010010		4		1001000010001		2
188		100100001010		1		010101001001		2		100100001010		4
189		100100001000		3		010100010001		2		100100001000		3
190		100100001000		4		010010100100		3		100100001000		4
191		100100000101		2		010100100101		2		100100000101		2
192		100100000010		1		010010100100		4		100100000010		4
193		100010101001		2		010010010010		3		100010101001		2
194		100010100100		3		010100001000		3		100010100100		3
195		100010100100		4		010100001000		4		100010100100		4
196		1000100010101		2		010010010010		4		1000100010101		2
197		1000100010010		1		010010101001		2		1000100010010		4
198		100010001001		2		010010010101		2		100010001001		2
199		100010000100		3		010010001001		2		100010000100		3
200		100010000100		4		010001010100		3		100010000100		4
201		100010000001		2		010001010100		4		100010000001		2
202		100001010100		3		010010000100		3		100001010100		3
203		100001010100		4		010010000100		4		100001010100		4
204		100001001010		1		010001000010		3		100001001010		4
205		1000010000101		2		010001000010		4		1000010000101		2
206		100001000010		1		010001000101		3		100001000010		4
207		100001000000		1		010000100001		2		100001000000		1
208		100000100001		2		010001001010		4		100000100001		2
209		100000010000		1		001010101010		3		100000010000		1
210		010101000100		3		001010101010		4		000010101000		3
211		010101000100		4		001010100101		2		000010101000		4
212		010100101010		3		010001000101		2		000010101001		2
213		010100101010		4		010000010000		1		000010101010		4
214		101010101010		3		0010100001000		3		101010101010		3
215		101010101010		4		0010100001000		4		101010101010		4
216		101010100101		2		001001010101		2		101010100101		2
217		101010100010		3		001010100010		3		101010100010		3
218		101010100010		4		001010100010		4		101010100010		4
219		101010010001		2		001010010001		2		101010010001		2
220		101010001000		3		001001000100		3		101010001000		3
221		101010001000		4		001001000100		4		101010001000		4
222		101001010101		2		001000100010		3		101001010101		2
223		101001010010		3		001001010010		3		101001010010		3
224		101001010010		4		001001010010		4		101001010010		4
225		101001001001		2		001001001001		2		101001001001		2
226		101001000100		3		001000100010		4		101001000100		3
227		101001000100		4		001000010001		2		101001000100		4
228		101000101010		3		001000101010		3		101000101010		3
229		101000101010		4		001000101010		4		101000101010		4
230		101000100101		2		001000100101		2		101000100101		2
231		101000100010		3		000101001000		3		101000100010		3
232		101000100010		4		000101001000		4		101000100010		4
233		101000010001		2		000100100100		3		101000010001		2
234		101000001000		3		001000001000		3		101000001000		3
235		101000001000		4		001000001000		4		101000001000		4
236		100101010001		2		000101010001		2		100101010001		2
237		100101001000		3		000100100100		4		100101001000		3
238		100101001000		4		000100010010		3		100101001000		4
239		100100101001		2		000100101001		2		100100101001		2
240		100100100100		3		000100010010		4		100100100100		3

FIG. 4E

TABLE 1-e : MAIN CODE GROUPS MCG1 AND MCG2 AND
REDUNDANT CODE DEMODULATION DECISION
CODE GROUPS DCG1 AND DCG2

Data Symbol	MCG1			MCG2			DCG1			DCG2		
	Code Word MSB	Code Word LSB	NOG	Code Word MSB	Code Word LSB	NOG	Code Word MSB	Code Word LSB	NOG	Code Word MSB	Code Word LSB	NOG
241	100100100100		4	000100001001		2	100100100100		4	000100001001		2
242	100100010101		2	000100010101		2	100100010101		2	000100010101		2
243	100100010010		1	000010101000		3	100100010010		4	010101000001		2
244	100100001001		2	000010101000		4	100100001001		2	010101000010		3
245	100100000100		3	000100000100		3	100100000100		3	000100000100		3
246	100100000100		4	000100000100		4	100100000100		4	000100000100		4
247	100010101000		3	000010010100		3	100010101000		3	010101000010		4
248	100010101000		4	000010010100		4	100010101000		4	010101000100		3
249	100010010100		3	000010001010		3	100010010100		3	010101000100		4
250	100010010100		4	000010001010		4	100010010100		4	010101000101		2
251	100010001010		1	000010000101		2	100010001010		4	010101001010		3
252	100010000101		2	000000100000		1	100010000101		2	010101001010		4
253	100010000010		1	000010000010		3	100010000010		4	010101010000		1
254	100001000001		2	000010000010		4	100001000001		2	010101010100		3
255	100000100000		1	000001000001		2	100000100000		1	010101010100		4

FIG. 5

TABLE 2-a : FIRST DSV CODE GROUP FOR CONTROLLING
DC SUPPRESSION WITH THE AID OF MAIN
CODE GROUP MCG2

Data Symbol	DSV Code Group I			Data Symbol	DSV Code Group I			
	MSB	Code Word	LSB		NCG	MSB	Code Word	LSB
000		010000000101		3	051	010000010001		3
001		010000000101		4	052	010000001000		3
002		0100000001010		3	053	010000010001		4
003		0100000001010		4	054	010001000100		3
004		010000010100		3	055	010001000100		4
005		010000010100		4	056	010000001000		4
006		010000101000		3	057	010000100101		3
007		010000101000		4	058	010100000010		3
008		010001010000		3	059	010100000010		4
009		010001010000		4	060	000000001010		4
010		010010100000		3	061	010010000000		3
011		010010100000		4	062	000000001001		3
012		010101000000		3	063	010001010101		3
013		010101000000		4	064	010001010101		4
014		010000001001		3	065	010010000000		4
015		010000001001		4	066	010010001000		3
016		010000010010		3	067	010010001000		4
017		010000010010		4	068	010010100101		3
018		010000100100		3	069	010010100101		4
019		010000100100		4	070	010100010000		3
020		010000000010		3	071	010000100101		4
021		010000000010		4	072	010000101010		3
022		000000001010		3	073	000000001001		4
023		010100000001		3	074	010000101010		4
024		010000000100		3	075	010101010000		3
025		010001001000		3	076	010101010000		4
026		010100000001		4	077	010100010000		4
027		010000000100		4	078	010100101000		3
028		010001001000		4	079	010100101000		4
029		010000010101		3	080	010101000100		3
030		010010010000		3	081	010101000100		4
031		010000010101		4	082	000000001000		3
032		010100100000		3	083	000000001000		4
033		010010010000		4	084	010100101010		3
034		010000101001		3	085	0101010000101		3
035		010100100000		4	086	0101010000101		4
036		010000100010		3	087	010100101010		4
037		010000101001		4	088	010101000010		3
038		010000100010		4	089	010101000010		4
039		010101001010		3	090	010001001001		3
040		010001010001		3	091	010001001001		4
041		010010100001		3	092	010001010010		3
042		010001010001		4	093	010001010010		4
043		010101001010		4	094	010010010001		3
044		010010100001		4	095	010010010001		4
045		010010101010		3	096	010010100010		3
046		010101000001		3	097	010010100010		4
047		010010101010		4	098	010100100001		3
048		010101010100		3	099	010100000000		1
049		010101000001		4	100	010100100001		4
050		010101010100		4	101	000100000000		1

FIG. 6

TABLE 2-b : SECOND DSV CODE GROUP FOR CONTROLLING
DC SUPPRESSION WITH THE AID OF REDUNDANT
CODE DEMODULATION DECISION CODE GROUP DCG1

Data Symbol	DSV Code Group II			Data Symbol	DSV Code Group II		
	Code Word		NCG		Code Word		NCG
	MSB	LSB			MSB	LSB	
000	000000100100		3	014	000000010000		3
001	000000010001		3	015	000000010101		3
002	000000010001		4	016	100100000000		1
003	000000010010		3	017	000000100101		3
004	000000010010		4	018	000000101001		3
005	000000010100		3	019	000000010000		4
006	000000010100		4	020	000000010101		4
007	000000100100		4	021	000000100000		3
008	000000100001		3	022	000000100101		4
009	000000100001		4	023	000000101001		4
010	000000100010		3	024	000000101010		3
011	000000100010		4	025	000000101010		4
012	000000101000		3	026	000000100000		4
013	000000101000		4				

FIG. 7

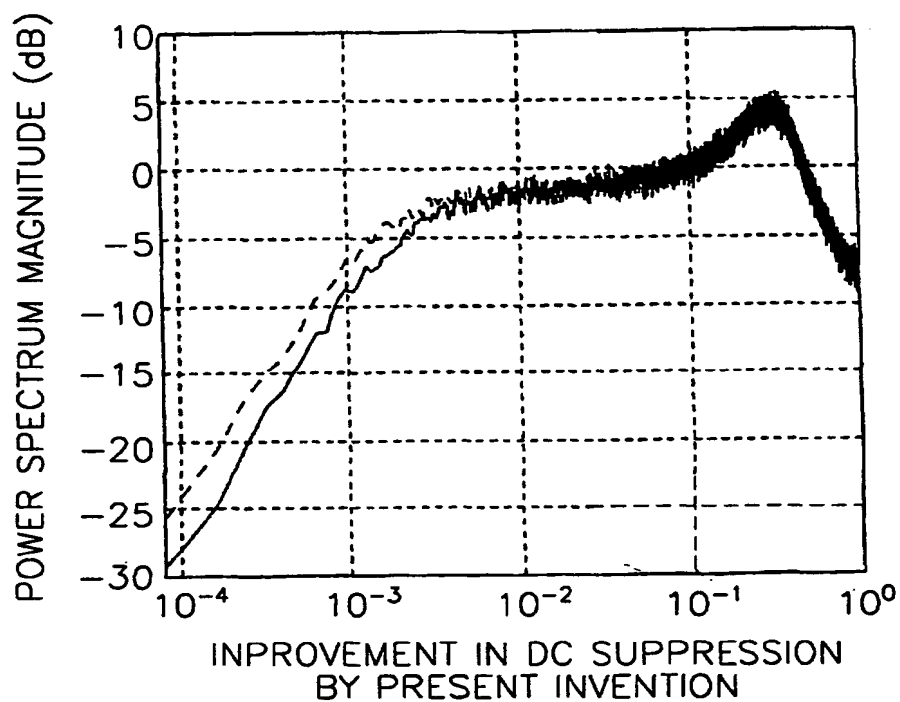
TABLE 2-c : THIRD DSV CODE GROUP FOR CONTROLLING
DC SUPPRESSION WITH THE AID OF REDUNDANT
CODE DEMODULATION DECISION CODE GROUP DCG1

Data Symbol	DSV Code Group III		
	Code Word		NCG
	MSB	LSB	
000	010101010101		3
001	010101010101		4
002	010100000000		1
003	000100000000		1

FIG. 8

NCG	1		2		3		4
CODE GROUP HAVING THE NEXT CODE WORD DESIGNATED BY NCG	CONVERSION CODE GROUP	DC SUPPRESSION CODE GROUP CAPABLE OF CONTROLLING DC SUPPRESSION TO GETHER WITH MCG1	CONVERSION CODE GROUP	DC SUPPRESSION CODE GROUP CAPABLE OF CONTROLLING DC SUPPRESSION TO GETHER WITH MCG2	CONVERSION CODE GROUP	DC SUPPRESSION CODE GROUP CAPABLE OF CONTROLLING DC SUPPRESSION TO GETHER WITH DCG1	CONVERSION CODE GROUP
	MCG1	MCG2	MCG2	FIRST DSV CODE GROUP	DCG1	SECOND DSV CODE GROUP	THIRD DSV CODE GROUP
PROPERTIES	LZ=0~1	LZ=1~7	LZ=1~7	LZ=1~8	LX=0,4,5	LZ=0,6,7	LZ=1~3
METHOD OF PRODUCING REDUNDANT CODES	DUPLICATE ALL CODE WORDS HAVING EZ OF 1 TO 3 EXCEPTING 100xxxxx10 or 1001xxxxx10	DUPLICATE ALL CODE WORDS HAVING EZ OF 1 TO 3	DUPLICATE ALL CODE WORDS HAVING EZ OF 1 TO 3	DUPLICATE ALL CODE WORDS HAVING EZ OF 0 TO 7	DUPLICATE ALL CODE WORDS HAVING EZ OF 1 TO 3	DUPLICATE ALL CODE WORDS HAVING EZ OF 0 TO 7	DUPLICATE ALL CODE WORDS HAVING EZ OF 0 TO 7

FIG. 9



— PSD CURVE OF CODE STREAM CONVERTED BY
METHOD ACCORDING TO THE PRESENT INVENTION
--- PSD CURVE OF CODE STREAM CONVERTED BY
CONVENTIONAL METHOD

FIG. 10A

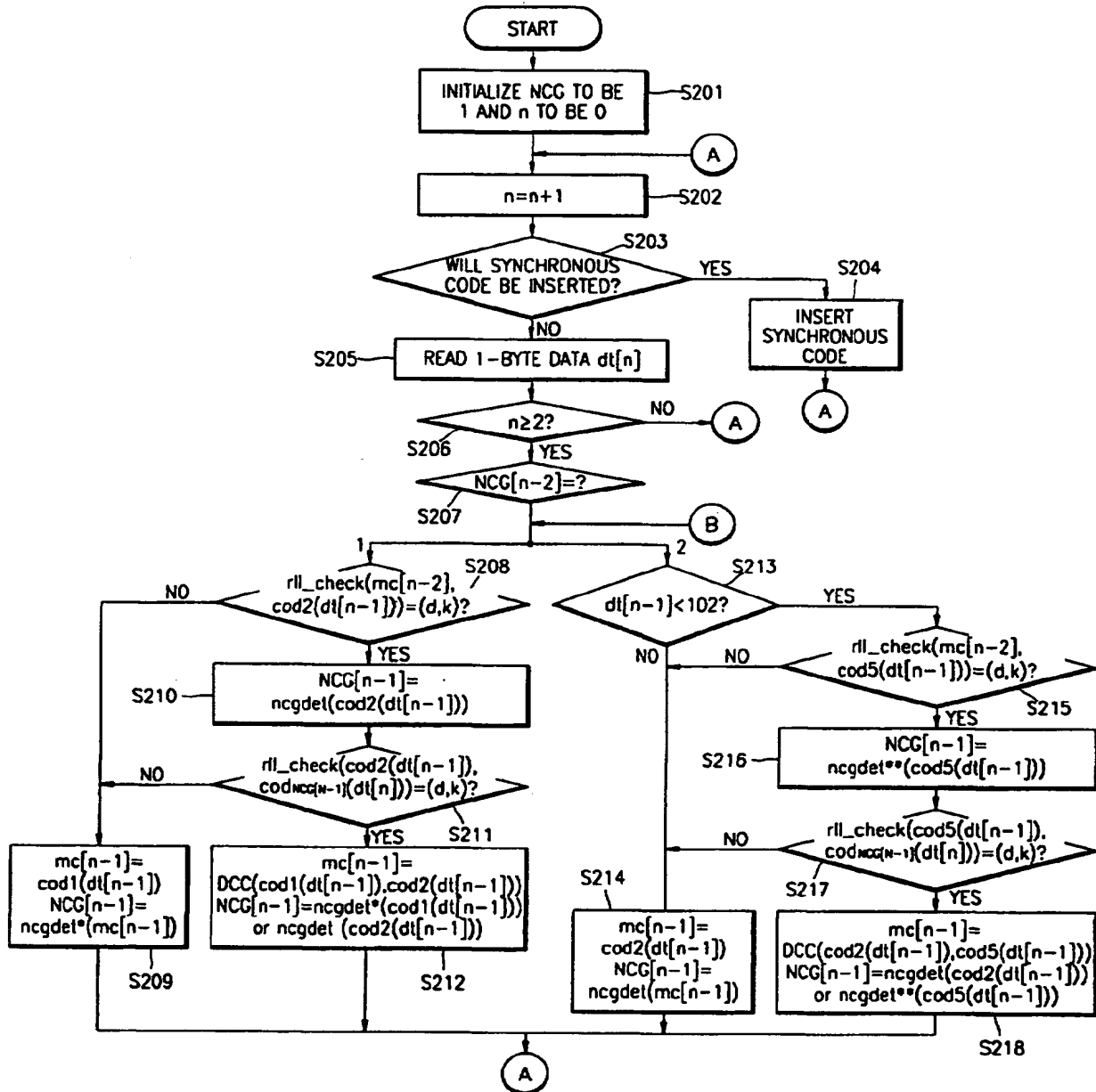


FIG. 10B

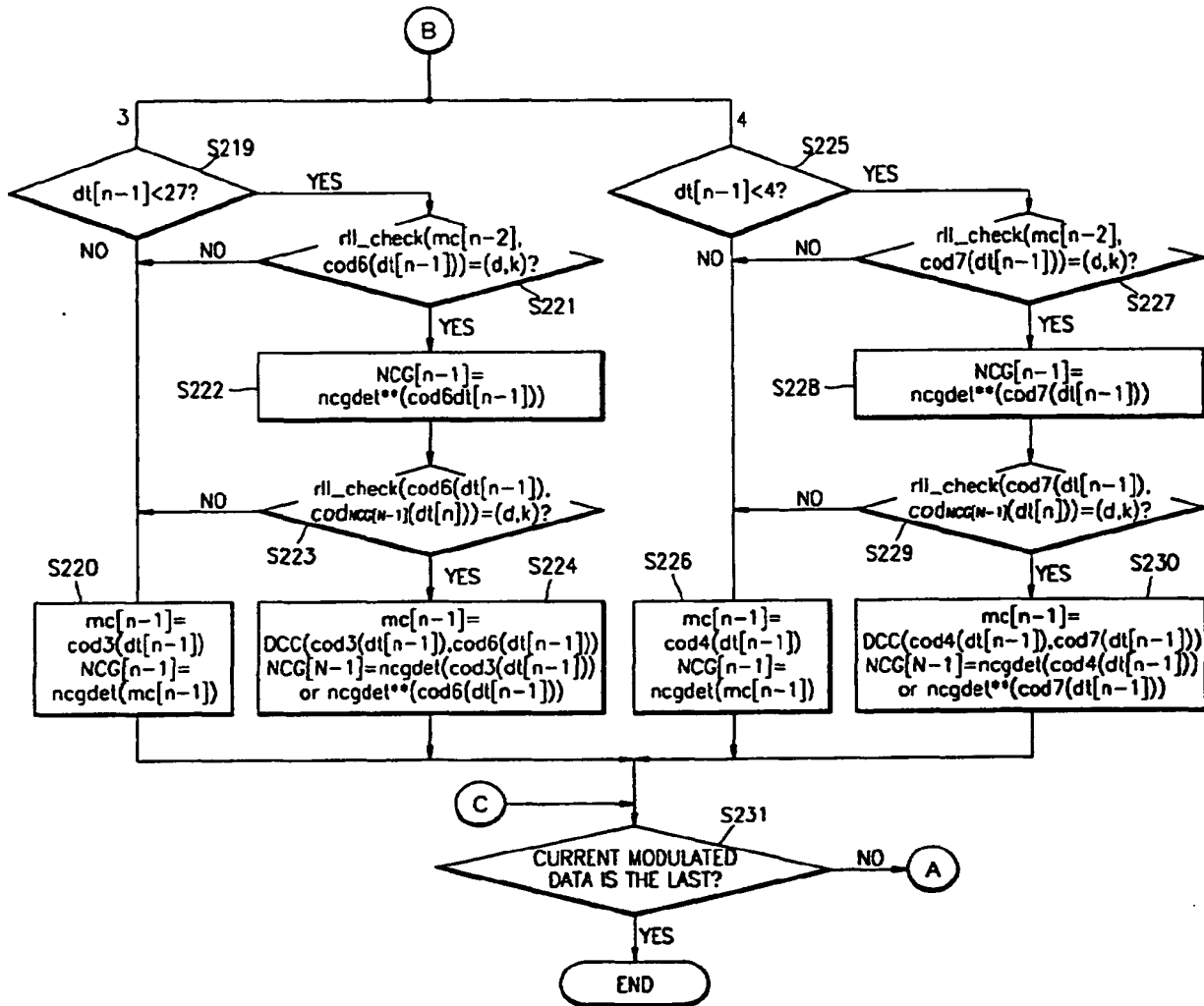


FIG. 11

	EZ=0	$1 \leq EZ \leq 3$	EZ>3
NCG[n-1]	2	3 or 4	1

FIG. 12

	EZ=0	$1 \leq EZ \leq 3$	EZ>3
NCG[n-1]	2	$3 \text{ OR } 4$ EXCEPTIONS: NCG[n-1] OF CODE WORD 1000xxxxxx10 OR 1001xxxxxx10 AMONG THE CODE WORDS WITHIN MCG1 IS 1	1

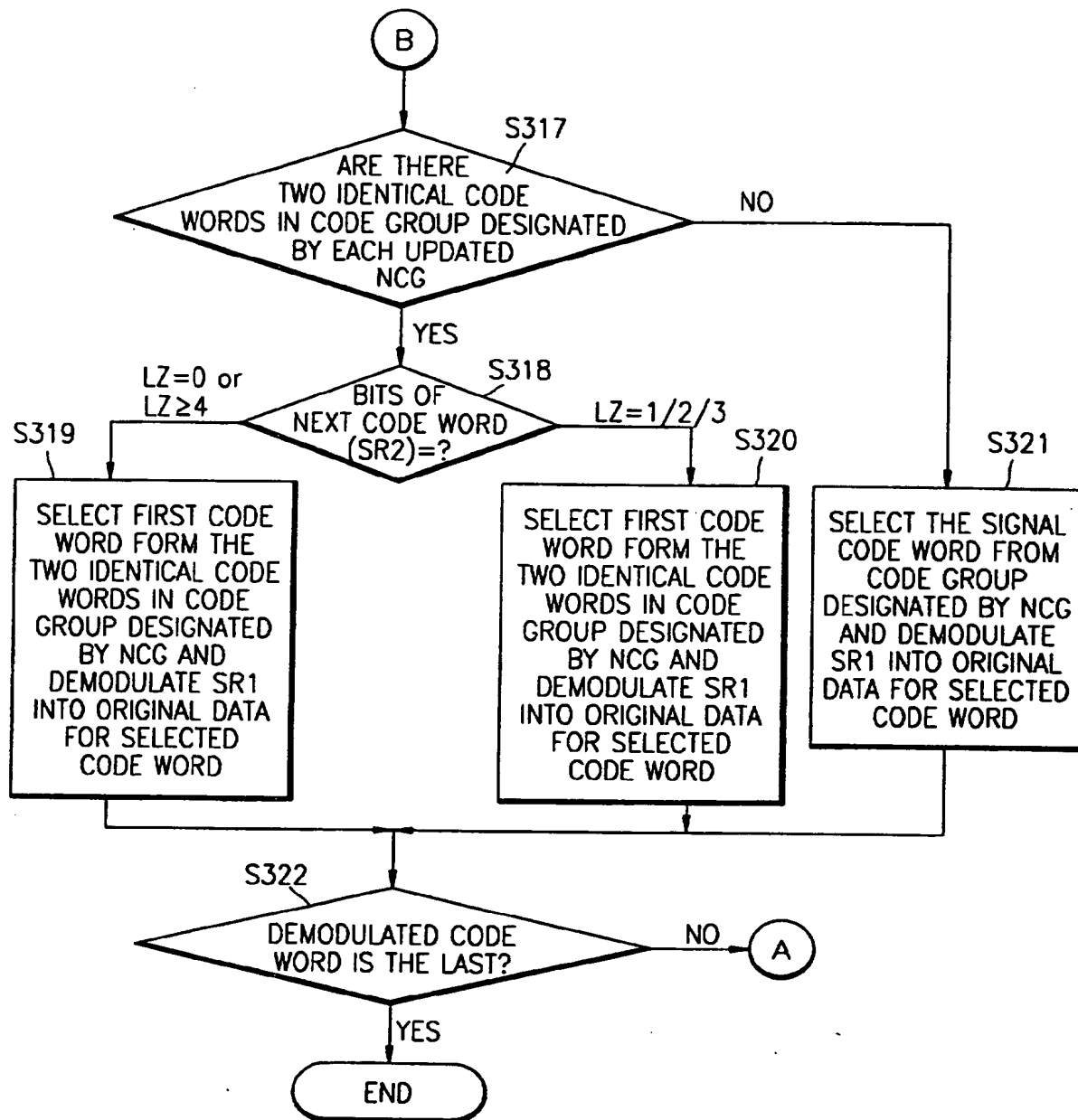
FIG. 13

	$0 \leq EZ \leq 7$	EZ=8
NCG[n-1]	3 or 4	1

START



FIG. 14B



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